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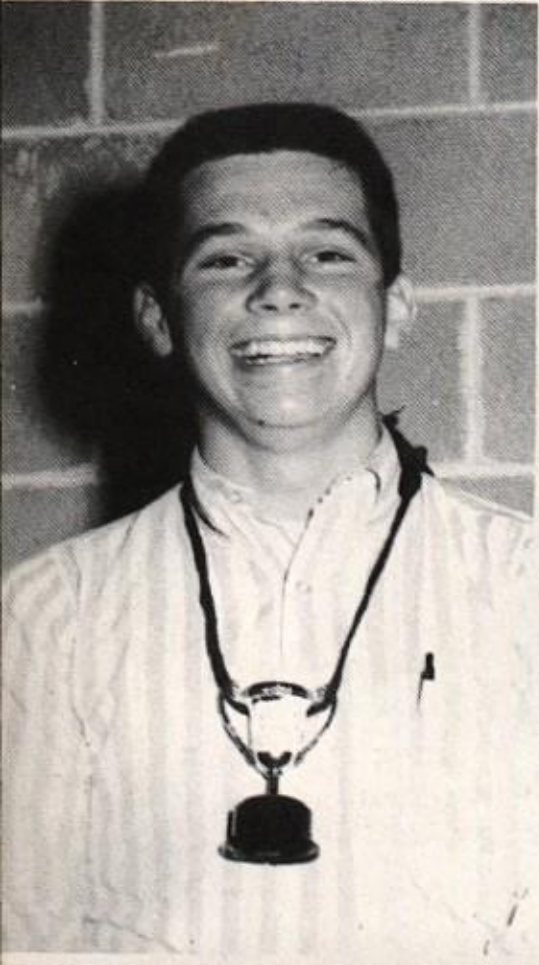
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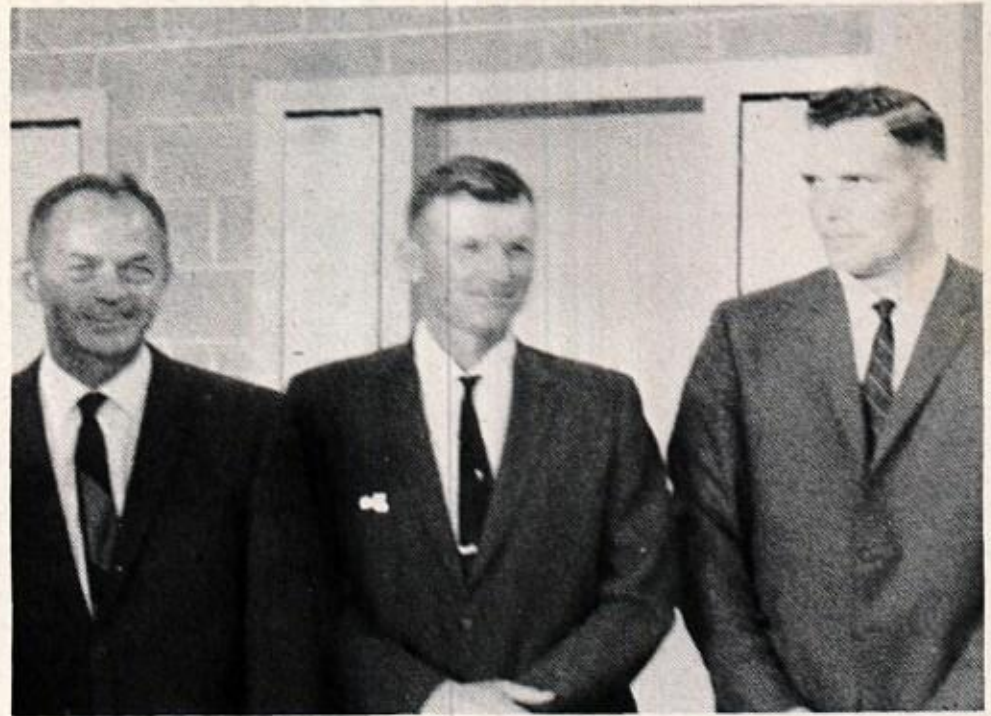
Honors—



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Through the past years there has always been a great deal of cooperation between school board, administration, faculty and students.

During the past year the board lost services of Harold Johnson and Lester Behrends, who have resigned.

We welcome the new board members Bob Sprowls, Goldwin Hansen, and Lowell Jontz.





Mrs. Dorothy Mechling, grade school secretary.

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LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. Mildred Frank, Mrs. Mary Carper, Mrs. Iona Jenner



Roger Olson, Asst. Janitor at Buda high school



Gordon Mercer, Head Janitor at Buda high school



Gary Hewitt, Janitor at Buda grade school





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Buda



Miss Marion Carper
Second Grade
Buda



Mrs. Grace Hodgett
Third Grade
Buda

Miss Louise Hansen
Fifth Grade
Buda



GRADE SCHOOL BUDA ATTENDANCE CENTER

Mrs. Colleen Hamann
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Kindergarten
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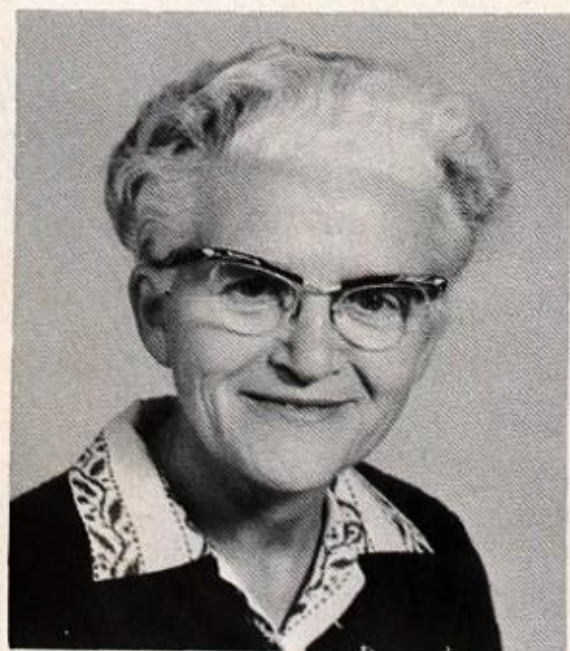


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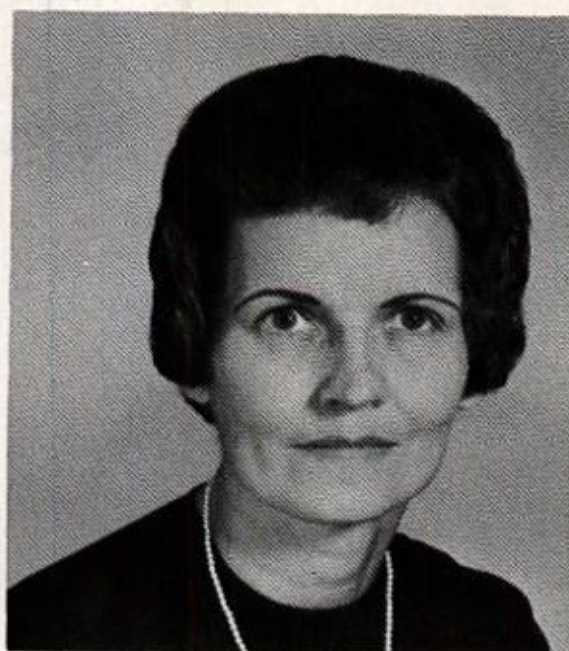
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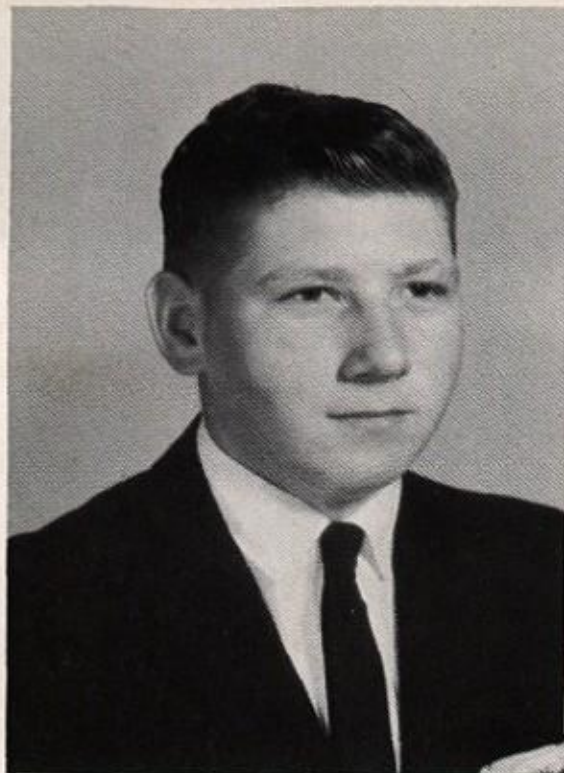
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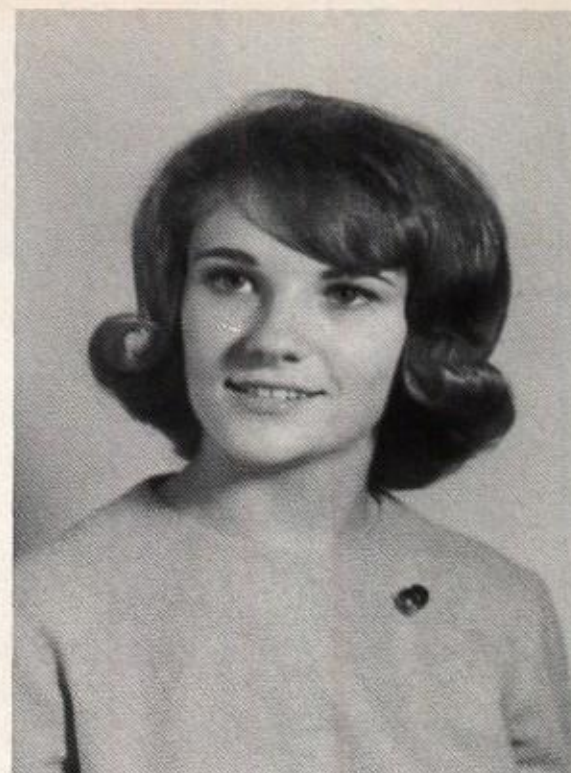
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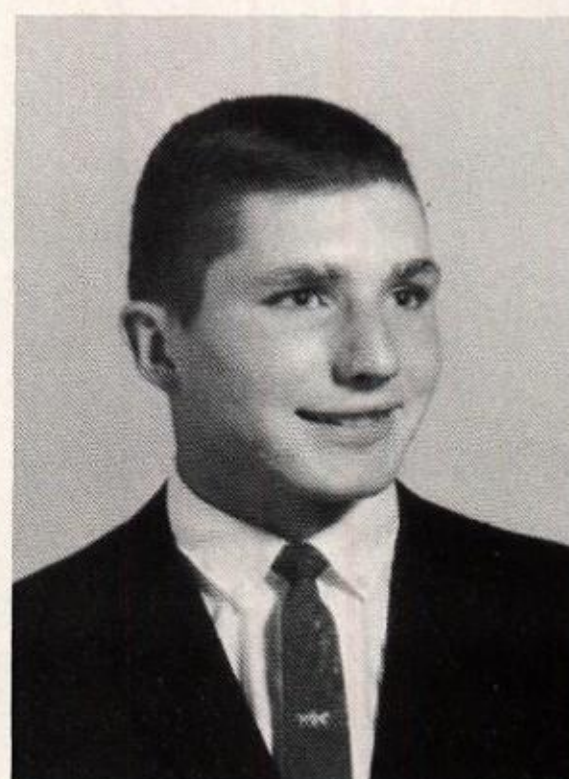
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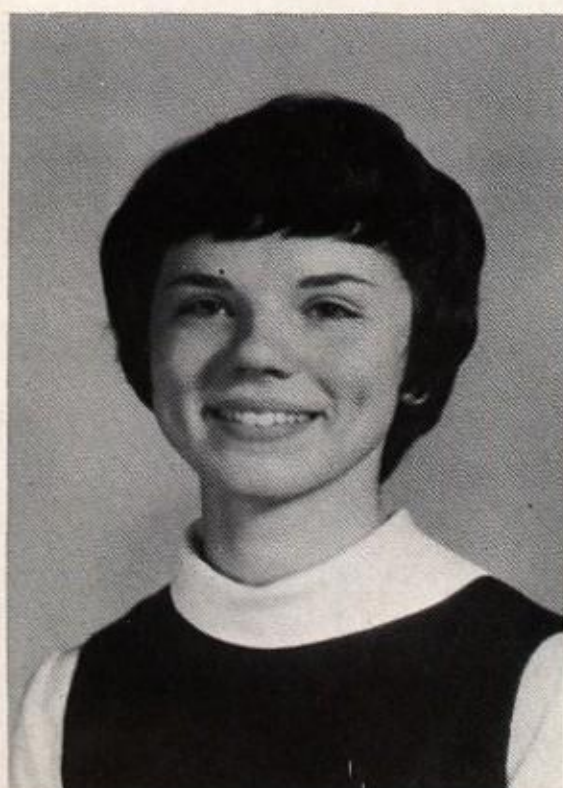
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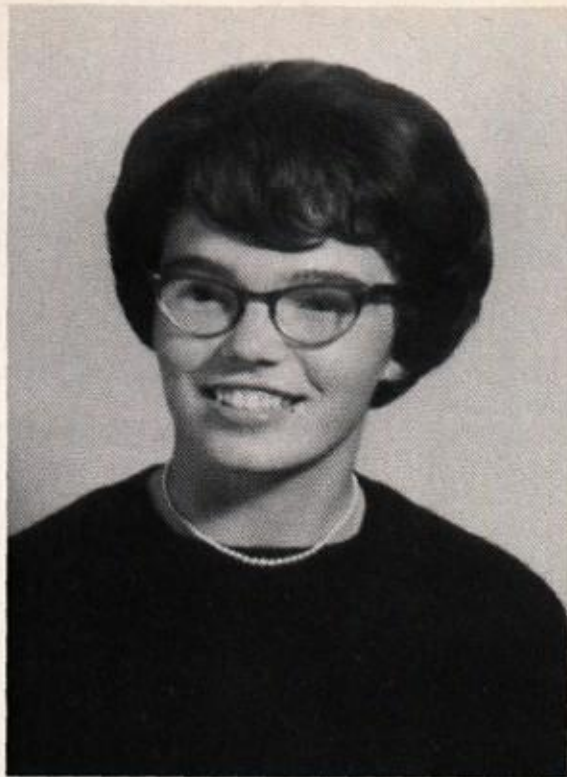
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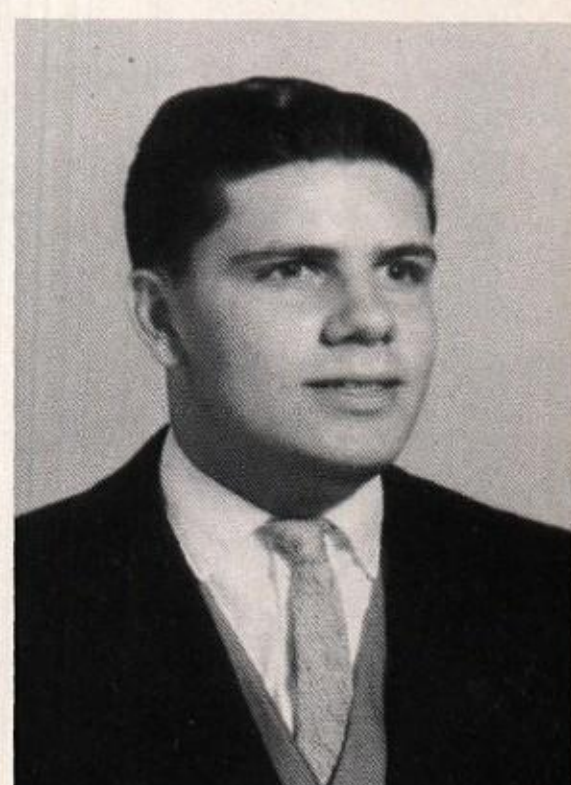
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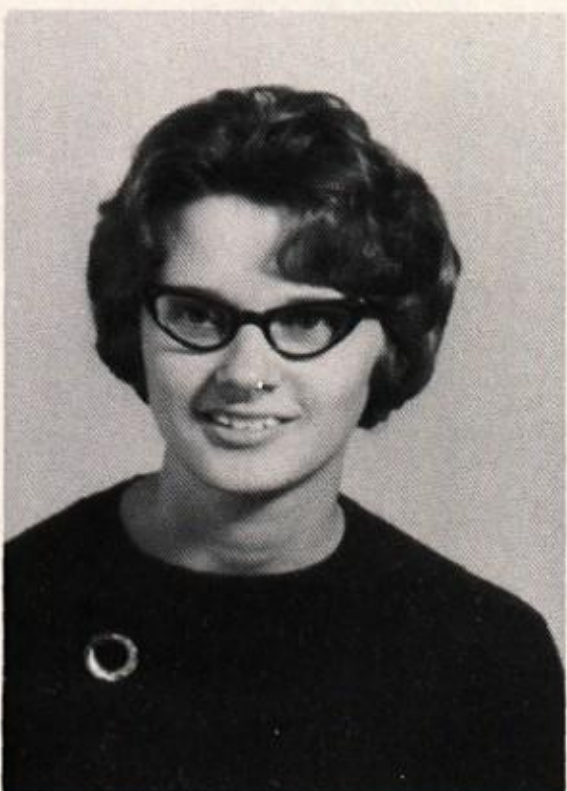
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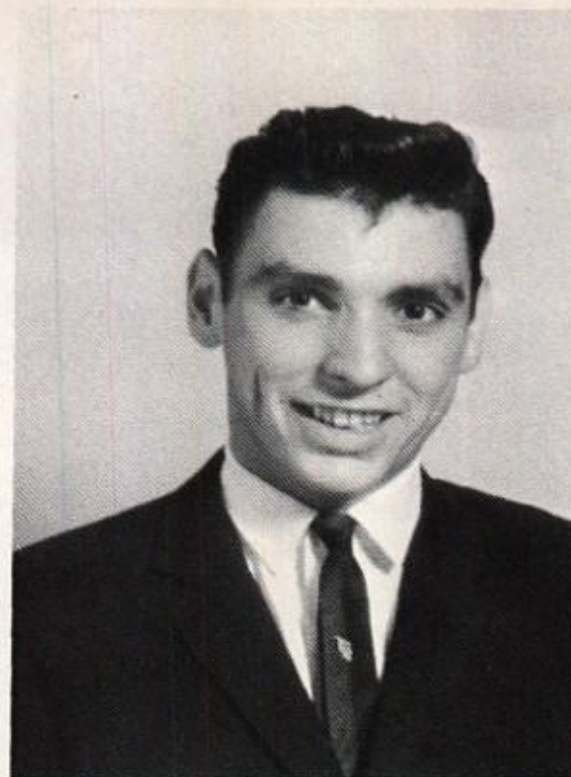
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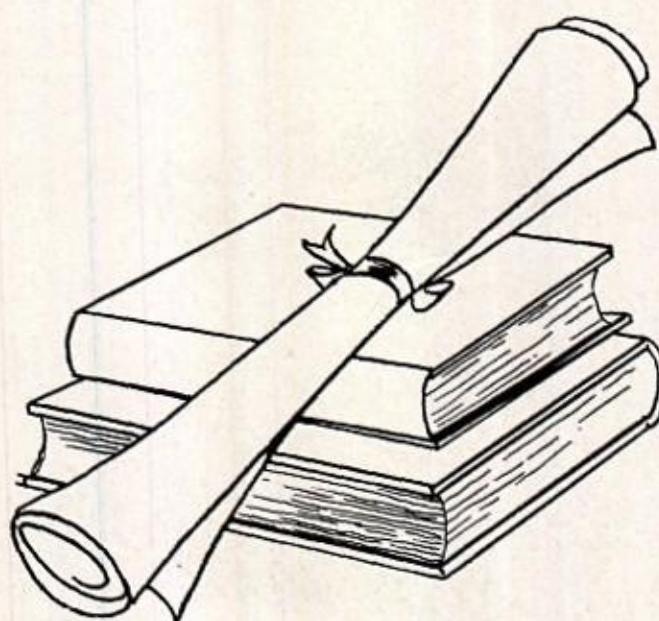
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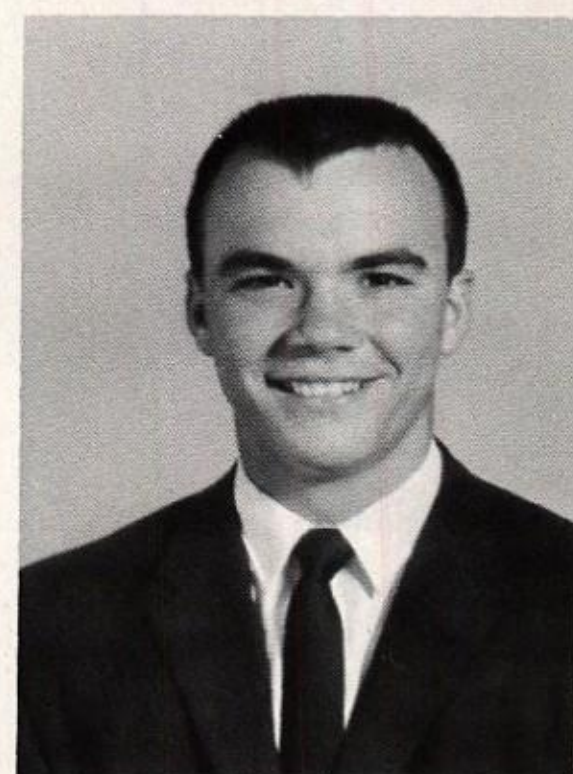
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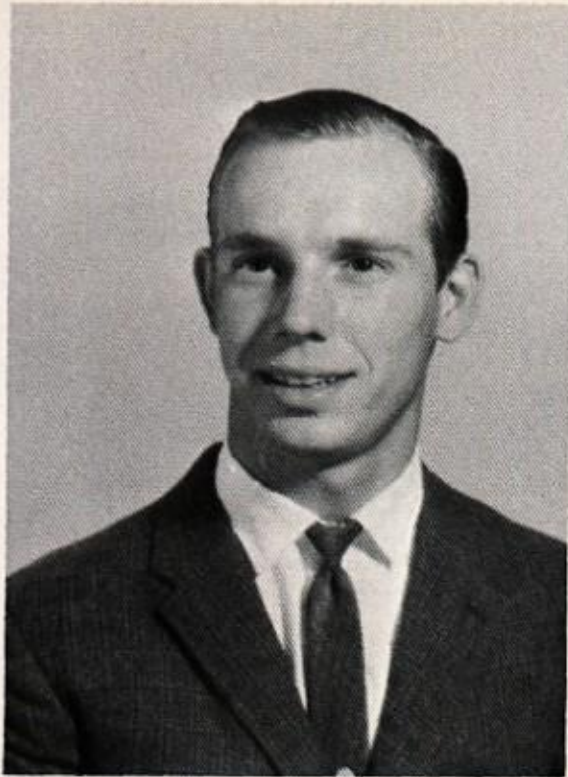
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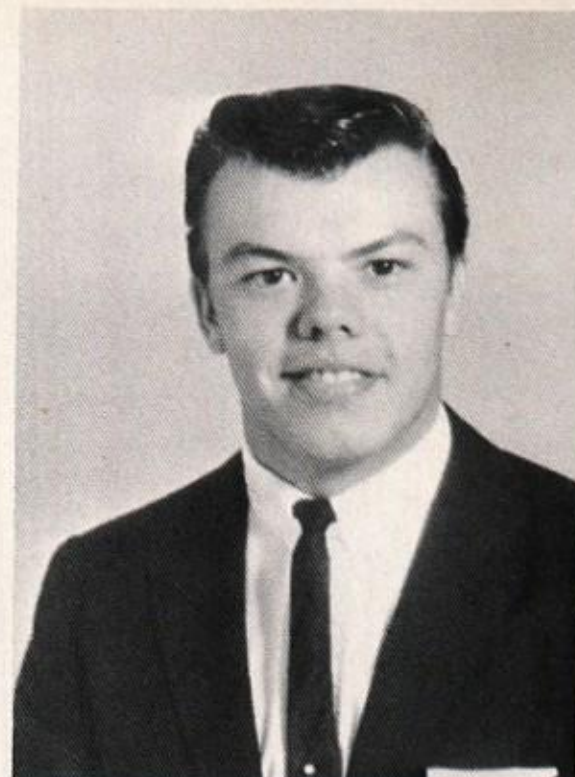
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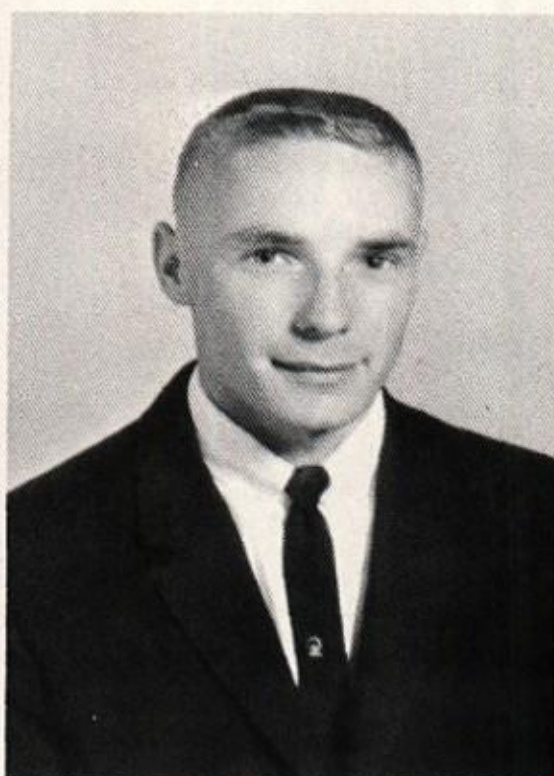
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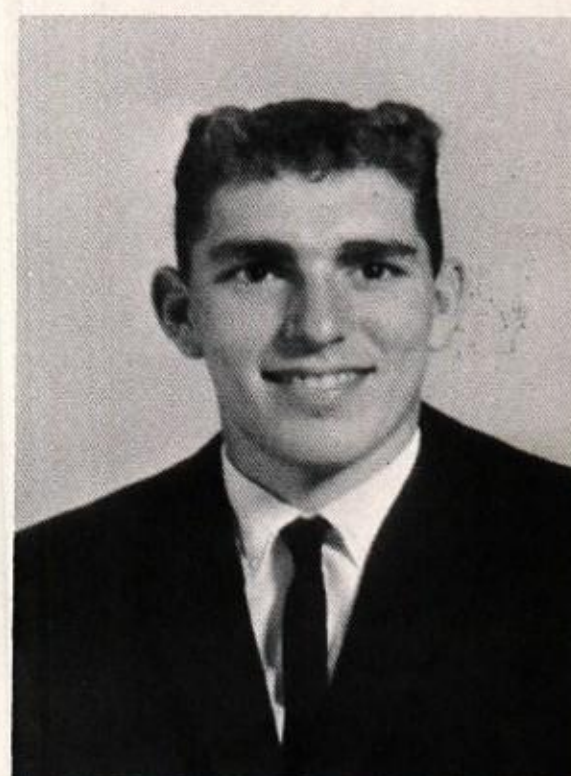
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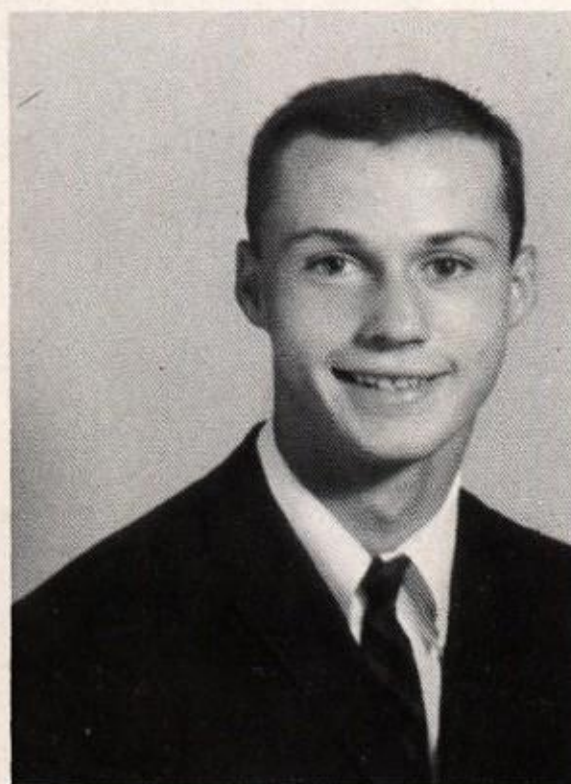
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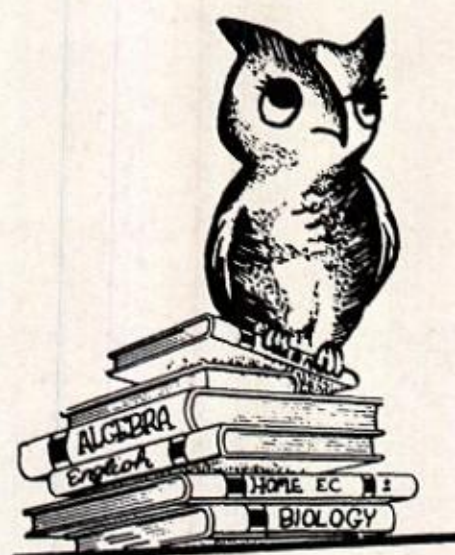
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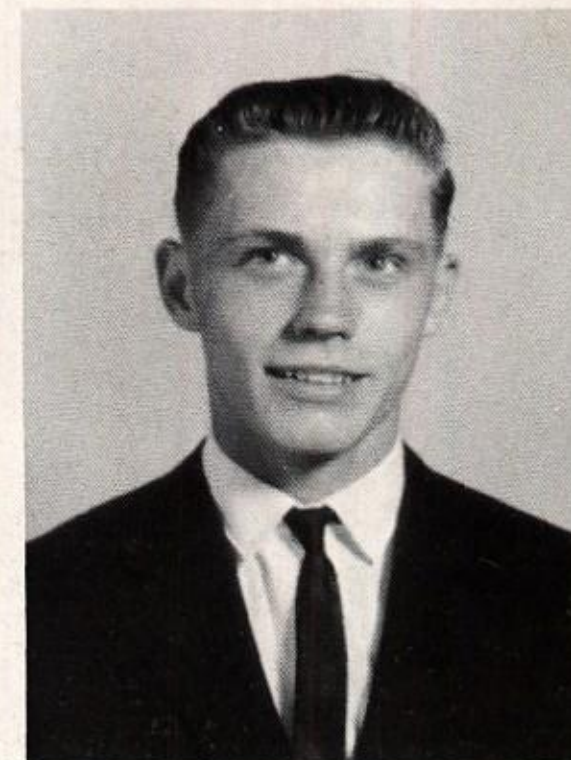
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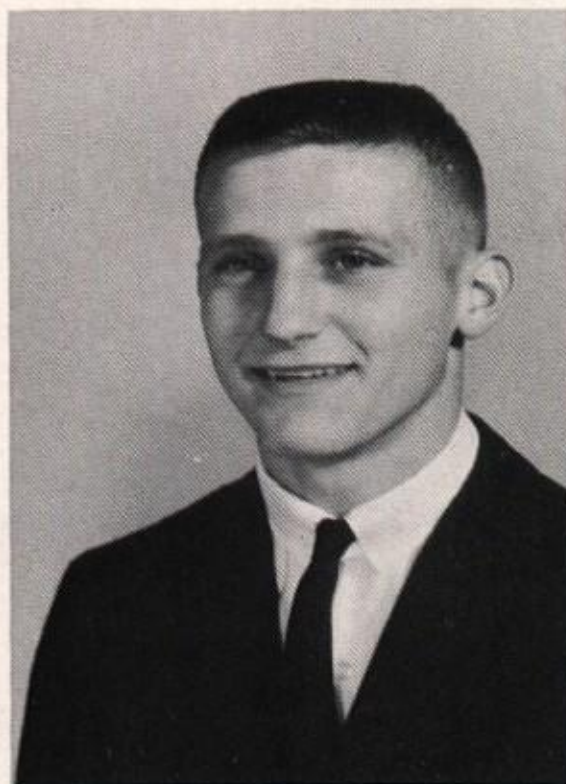
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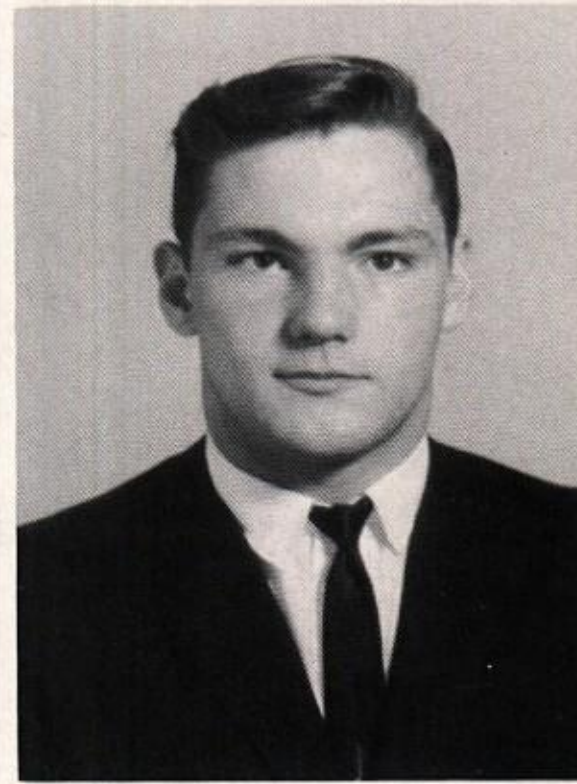
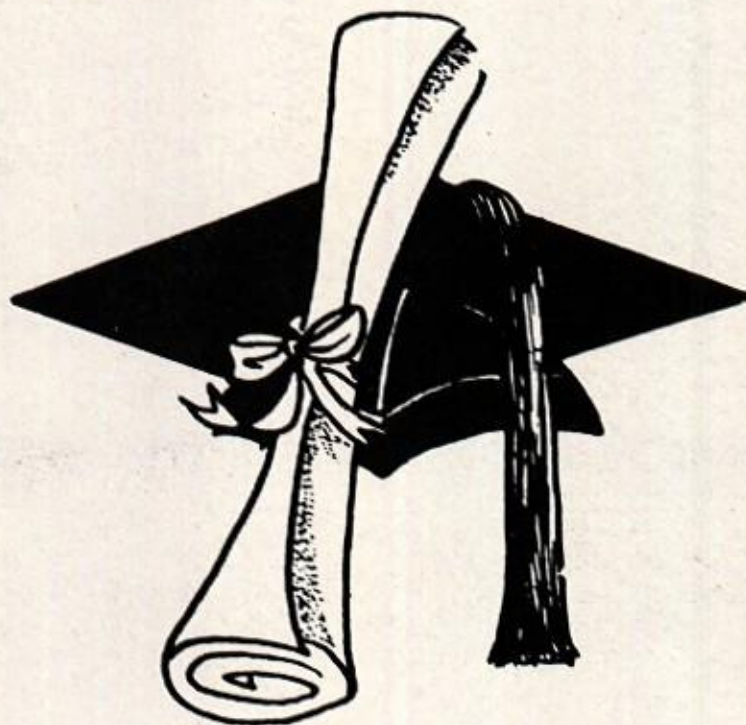
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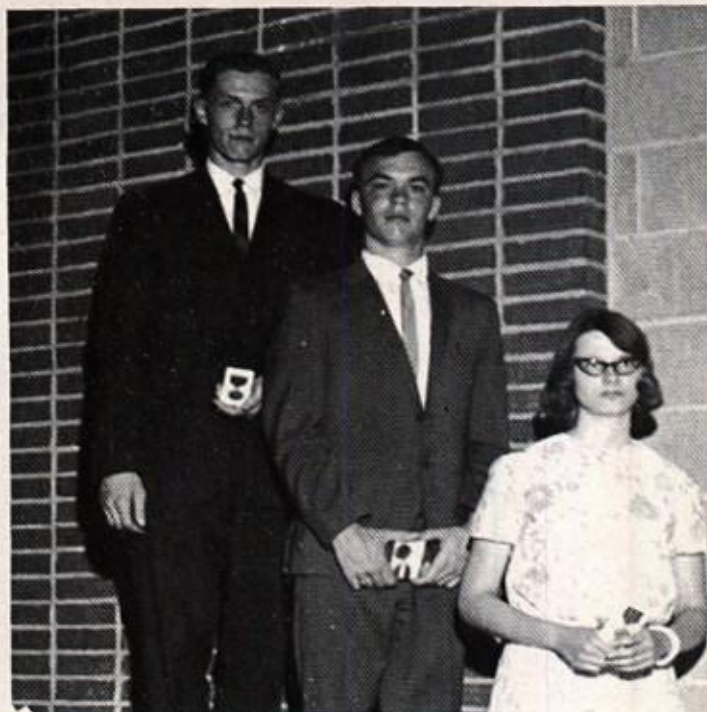
SENIOR





A C T I V I T I E S

SENIOR



Rick Thomas, Jeff Langford, and Susan Eigsti-V.F.W. and American Legion Award winners.



David DeBates-Best Thespian Award



Susan Eigsti, Dick Larson, and Janice Neufcour-Scholastic awards



Cathy Bickett-Crisco Award



Stanley Johnson-DeKalb Award



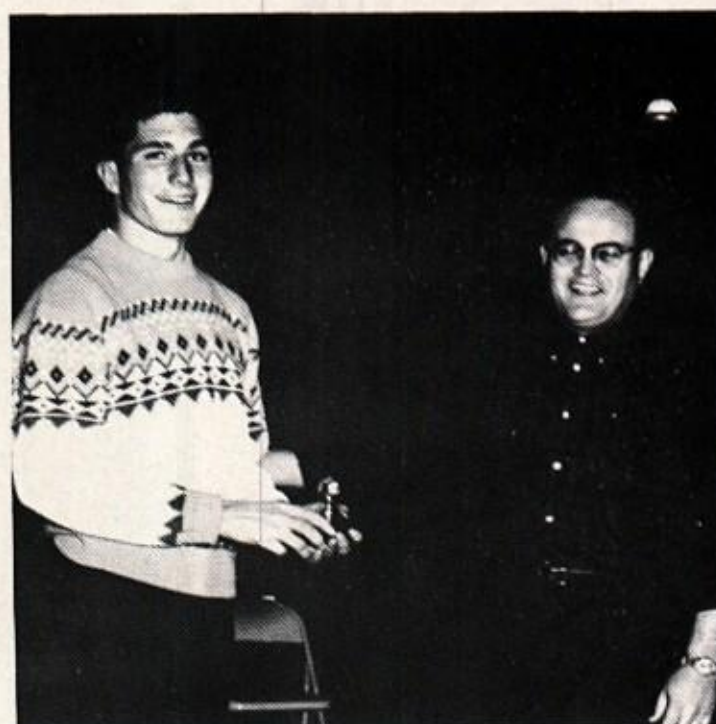
Rick Thomas: most valuable-track, John VanDrew: Athlete of the Year; most valuable-football, John Behrends: most valuable-basketball.



Sandy Mercer-Track Queen

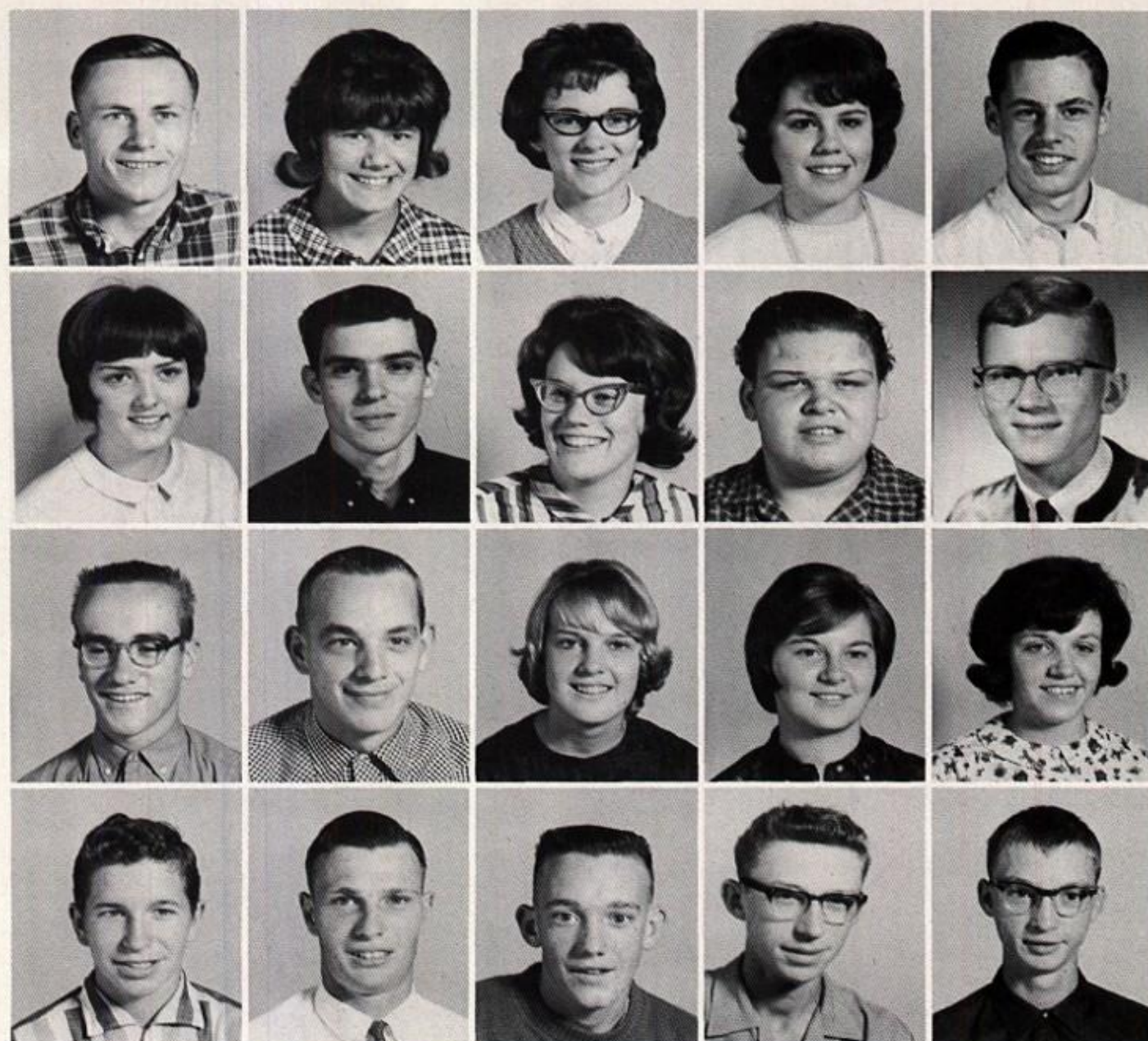


John Behrends-second most tackles

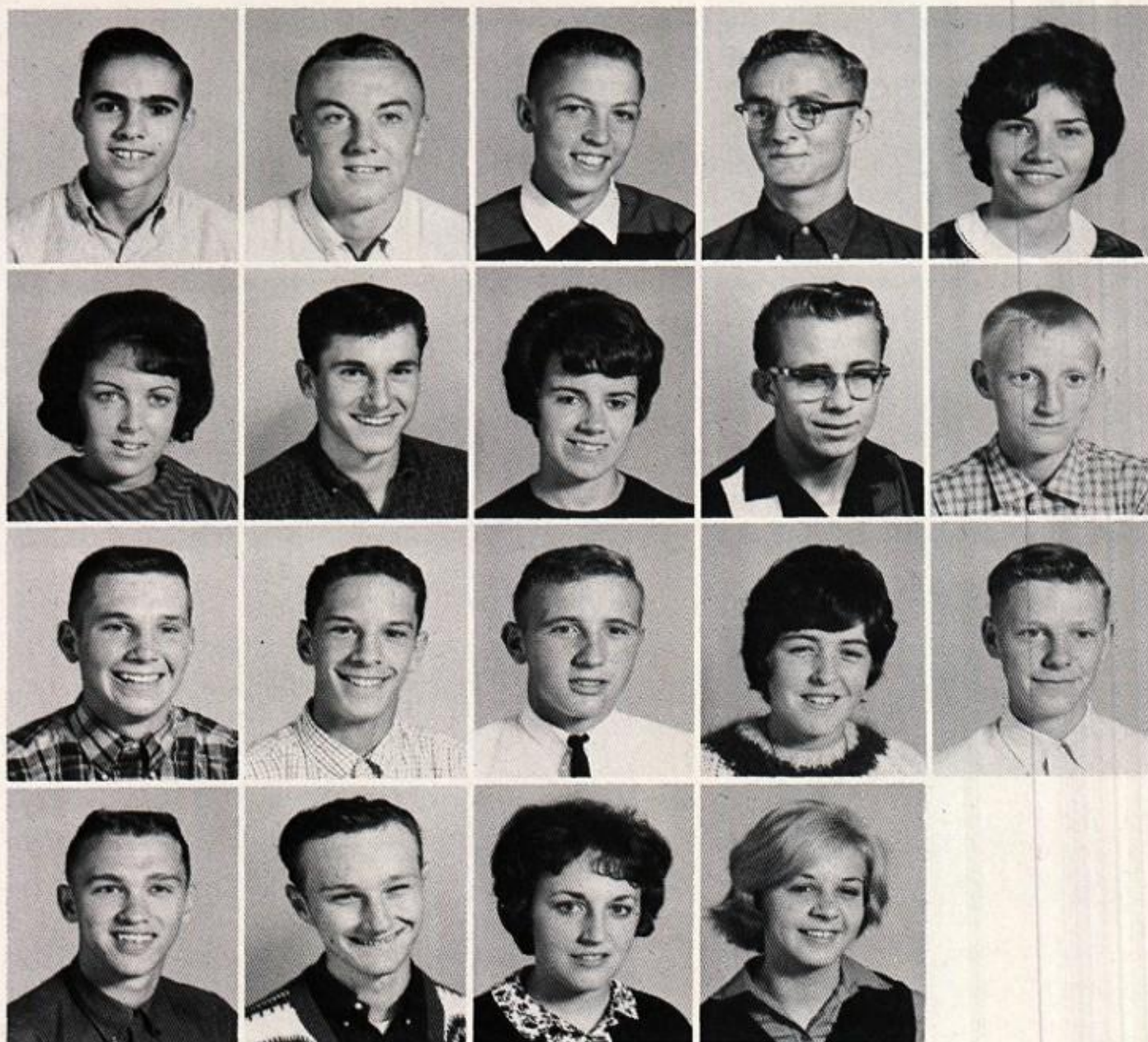


Bob Bennett-most improved player

CLASS



ROW 1: Rick Baetens, Rosemary Bradley, Pat Ellis, Paul Gingerich. ROW 2: Kathy Grubb, Steve Grubb, Mary Hoenscheid, Loren Hostetler, Dennis Jontz, ROW 3: Larry Jontz, Larry Lang, Betty Larson, Barbara Maddy, Sharon Martin. ROW 4: Bob Mecum, Larry Moore, Dan Morris, Jim Nelson, Leslie Newman.



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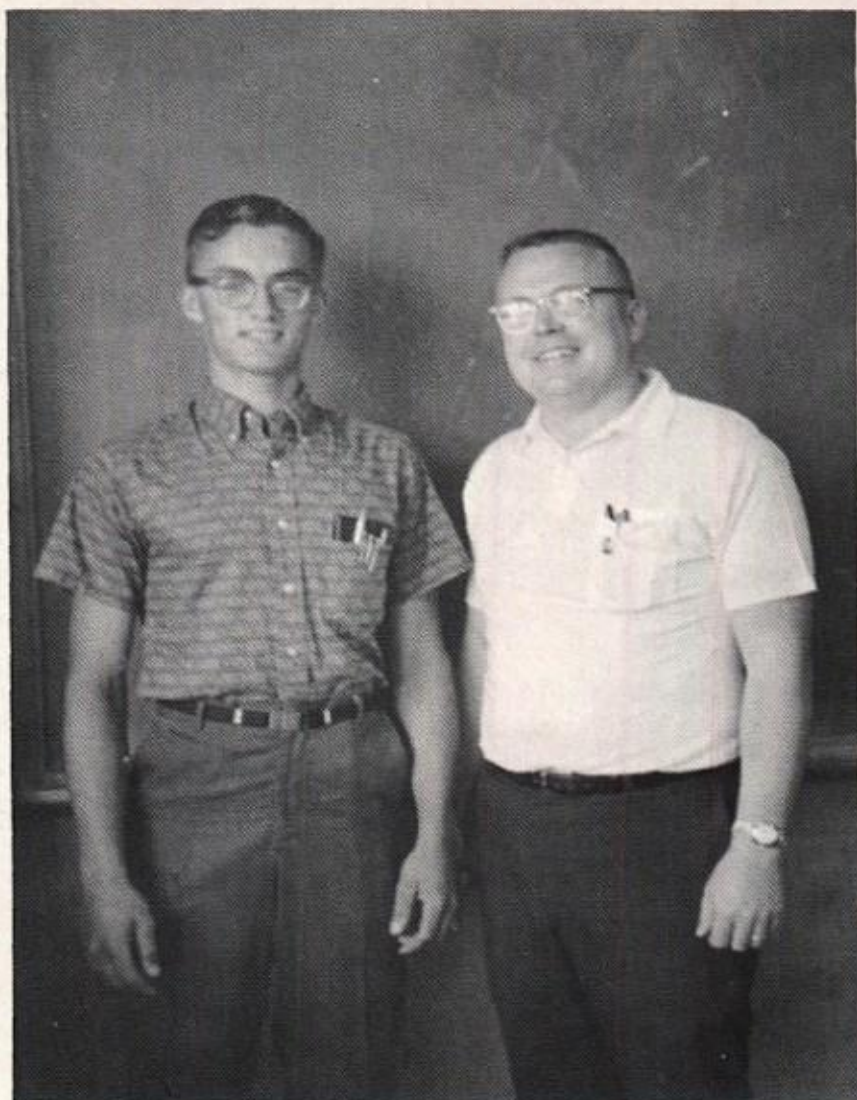
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JUNIOR



Tackling Trophy-Dan Tumbleson



Outstanding Ag. Award-Dale Ropp

AWARDS



Boys' State-Loren Hostetler, and Jerry Rodgers 24



Girls' State-Sharon Martin

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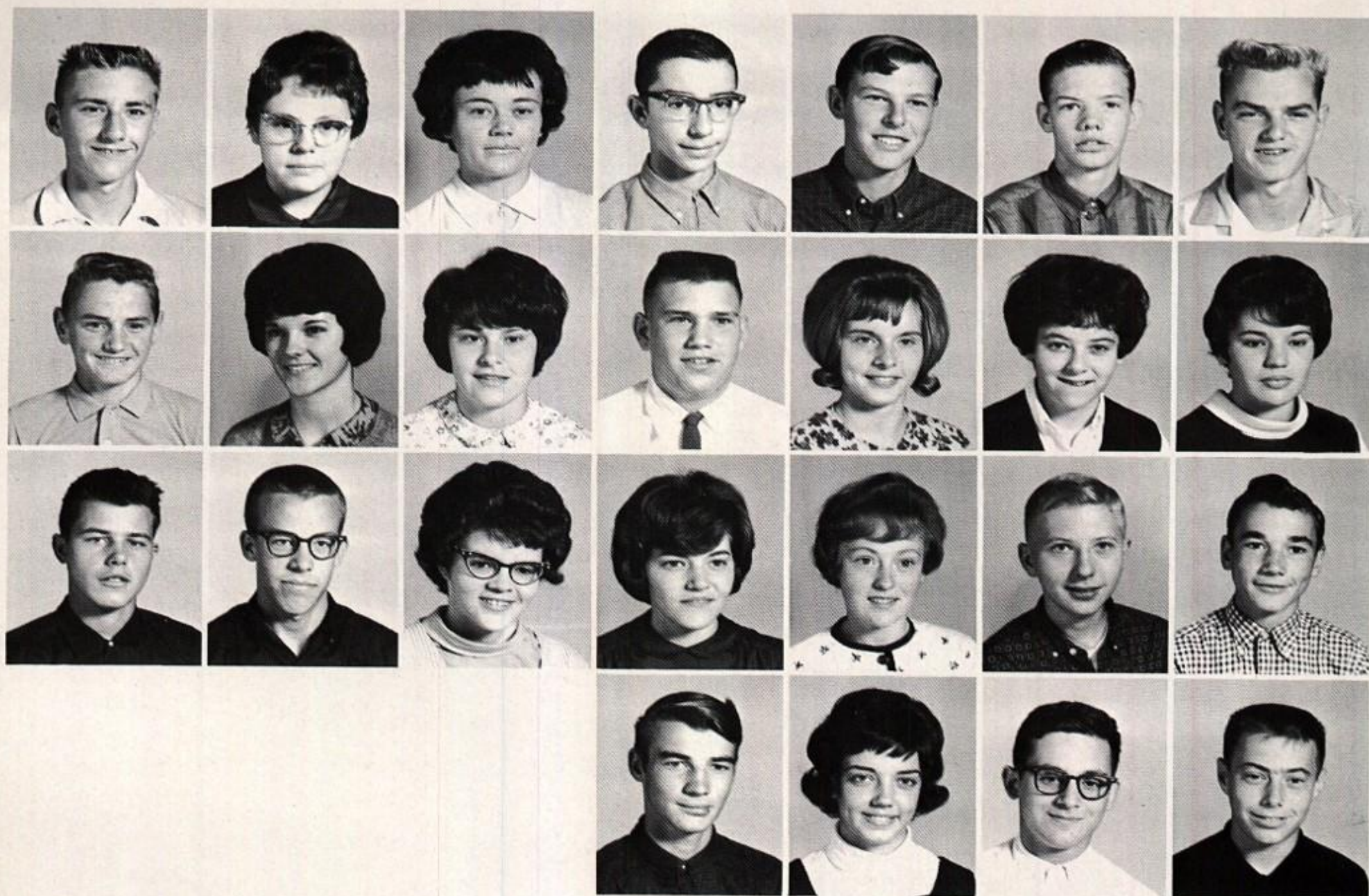


American Legion Essay Winners
Joe Hoenscheid and Candy Hodgett



Susan Eigsti presents sophomore NEDT Awards
to Joe Hoenscheid and Candy Hodgett

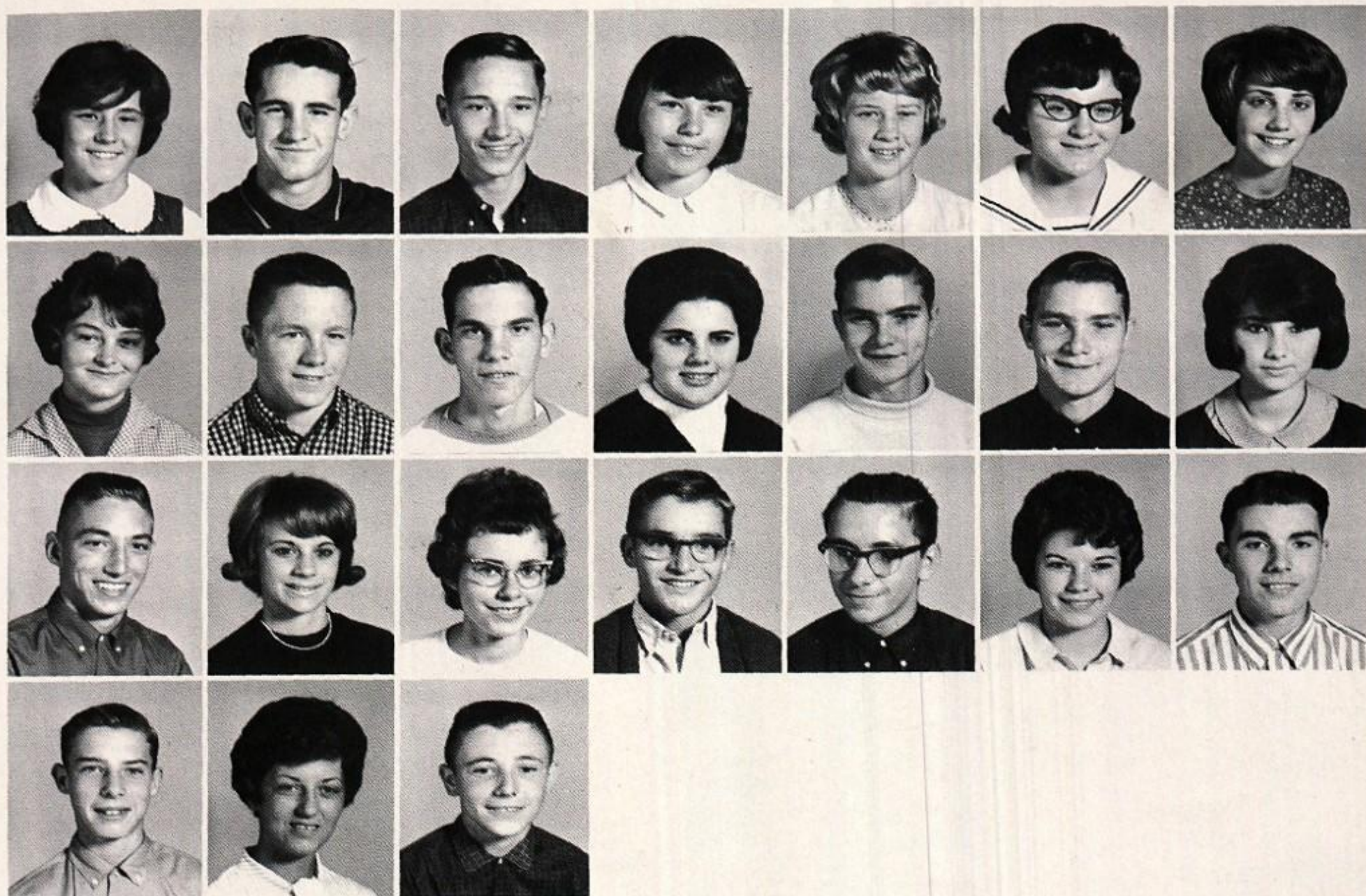
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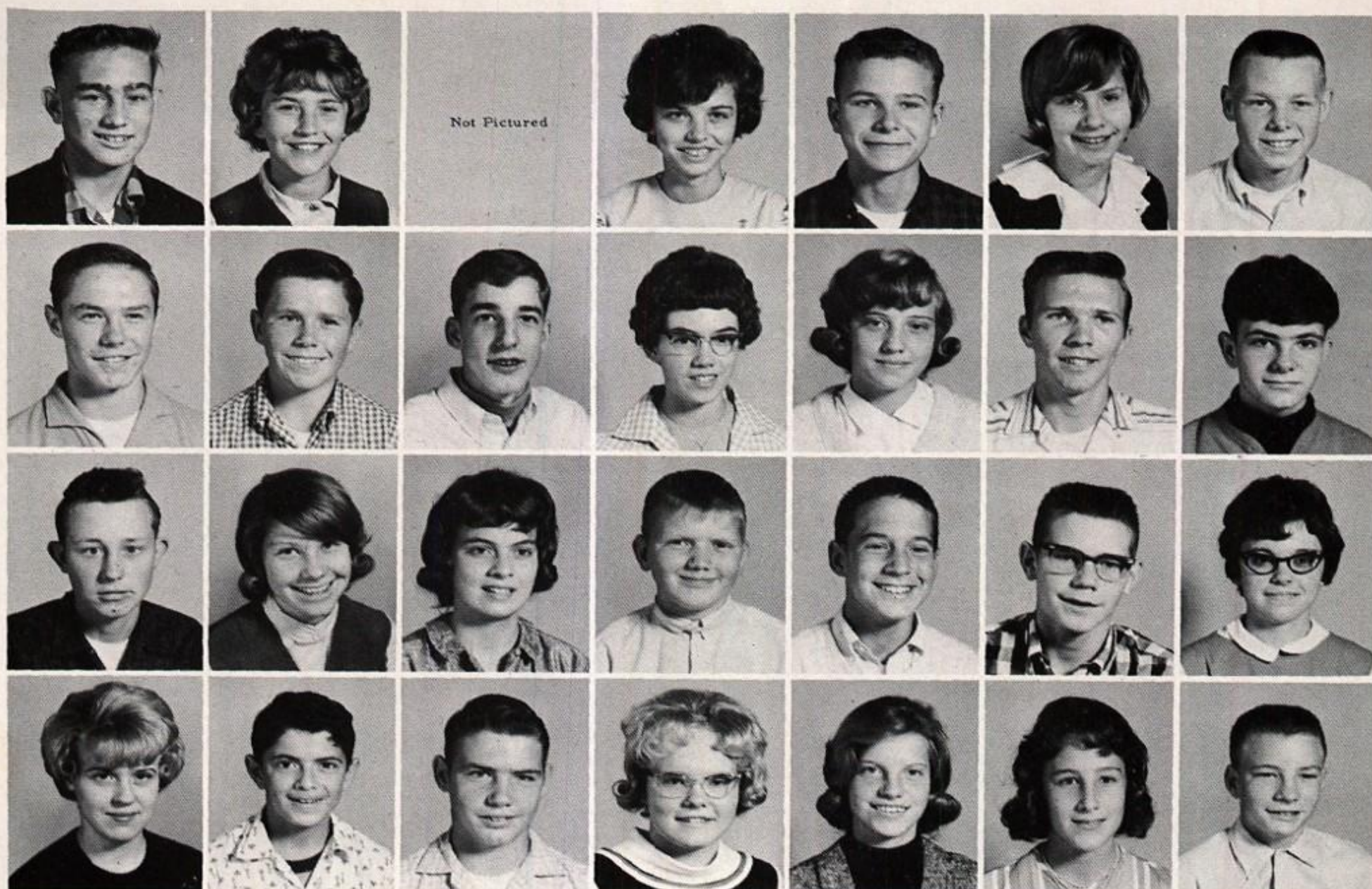
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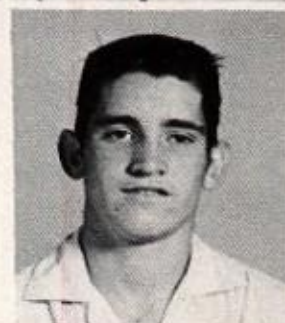
OF '67

ROW 1: Julie Johnson, Cleo Lanham, Glen Littlefield, Wendy Littlefield, Linda Mercer, Jena Moore, Linda Morris. ROW 2: Marybelle Nelson, Tom Nelson, Bob O'Bryant, Lynn Pearson, Harry Peterson, Larry Peterson, Glenda Rozina. ROW 3: Bill Runft, Lana Simms, Wanda Skinner, David Specht, John Stier, Kristi Strattan, Don Stutzman. ROW 4: Larry Thomas, Sandra Thompson, Charles White.

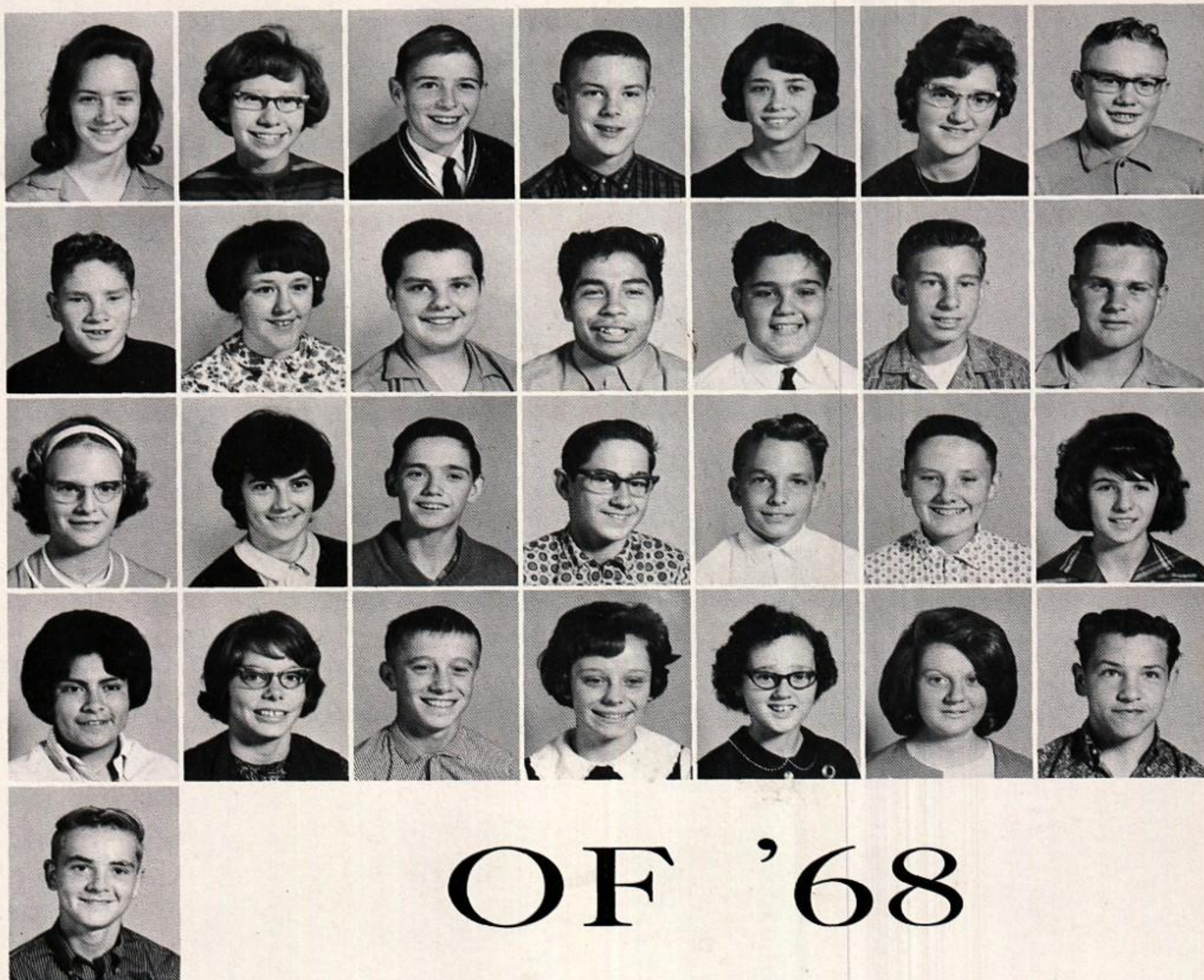




CLASS



ROW 1: Bob Aber, Linda Anderson, Melody Arbuckle, Jackie Barton, Bob Behrends, Margo Berfield, Roger Betz. ROW 2: Bob Bickett, Dave Bowman, Scott Boyden, Joni Calvert, Kathy Christiansen, Melvin Crain, Mike Estes. ROW 3: Jim Foster, Ronda Gish, Terry Hamann, Mike Hand, Jon Hellberg, Jim Hewitt, Marsha Horton. ROW 4: Christy Hull, Bob Jackson, Dave Jones, Donna Jontz, Shelia Kopp, Alice Lambird, Greg Langford. ROW 5: Rick Lanham.



OF '68

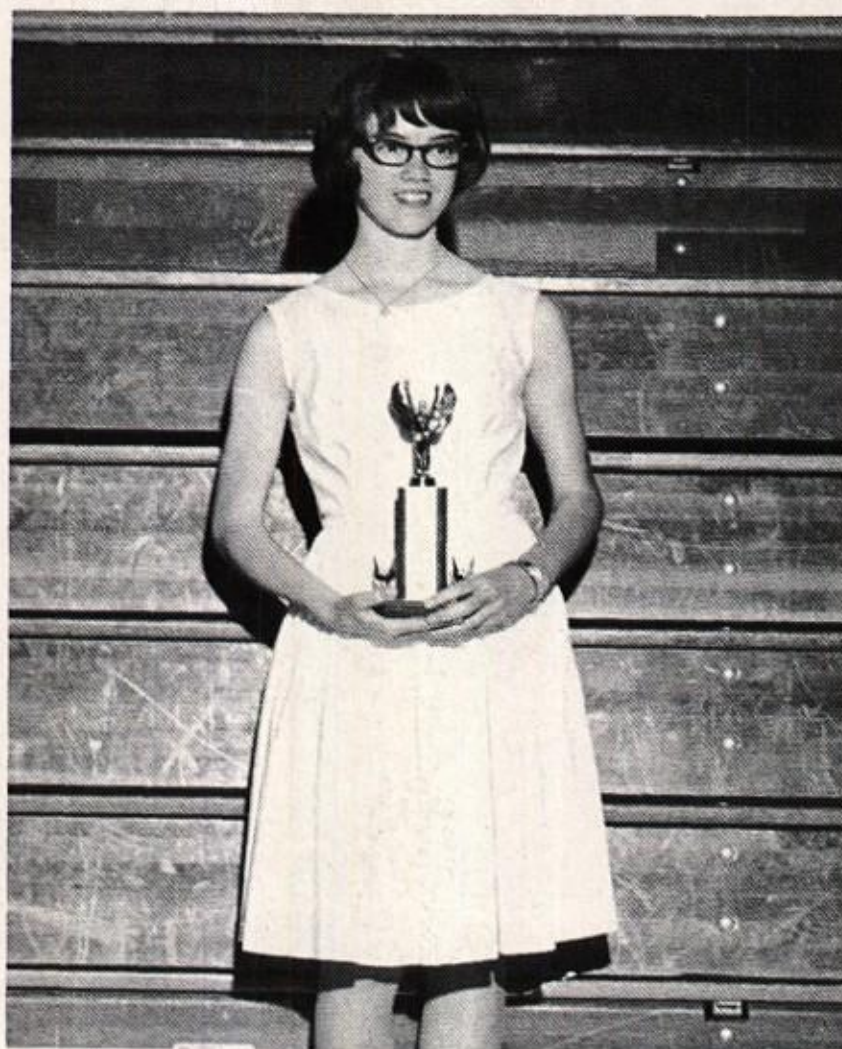
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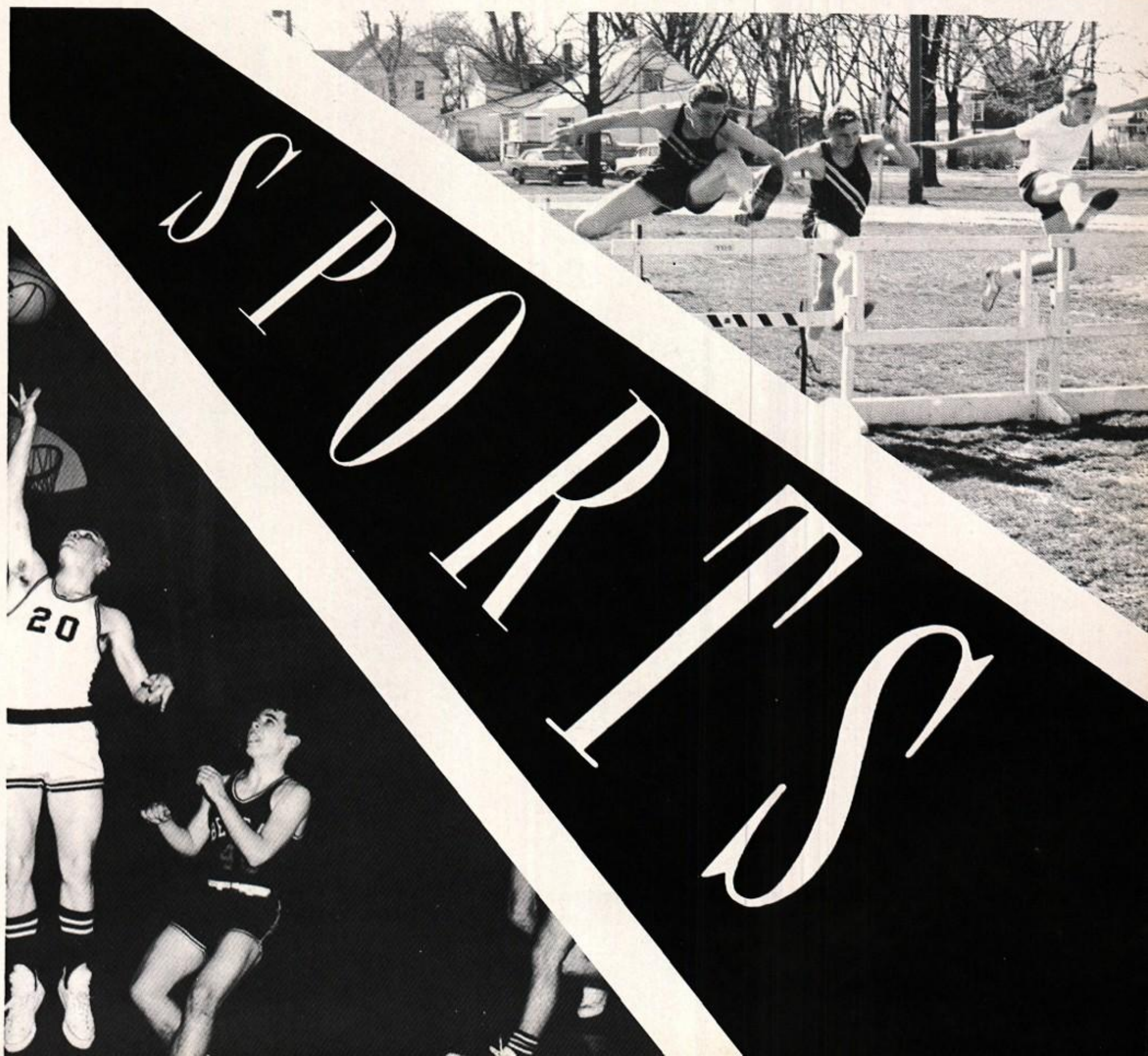
Freshman NEDT winners, Pat Van Cauwenberge, Becky Smith, Terry Hamann, and Greg Langford.

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Outstanding Home Ec. Award-Joni Calvert.





1964 VARSITY SQUAD



Mr. Hewitt--Head Coach



Mr. Lehning--Backfield Coach



Mr. Quinn

"Although our football team had the unfortunate experience of losing some close games, Western High School had reason to be proud of these men.

The team started slowly, but came on strongly to finish out the season in third place in the Little-Eight Conference. This varsity team showed fine spirit and an excellent attitude. These boys were good workers. Their spirit and hard work, which is a trademark of Western teams, made them a fine representative of our school."

. . . . Mr. Hewitt



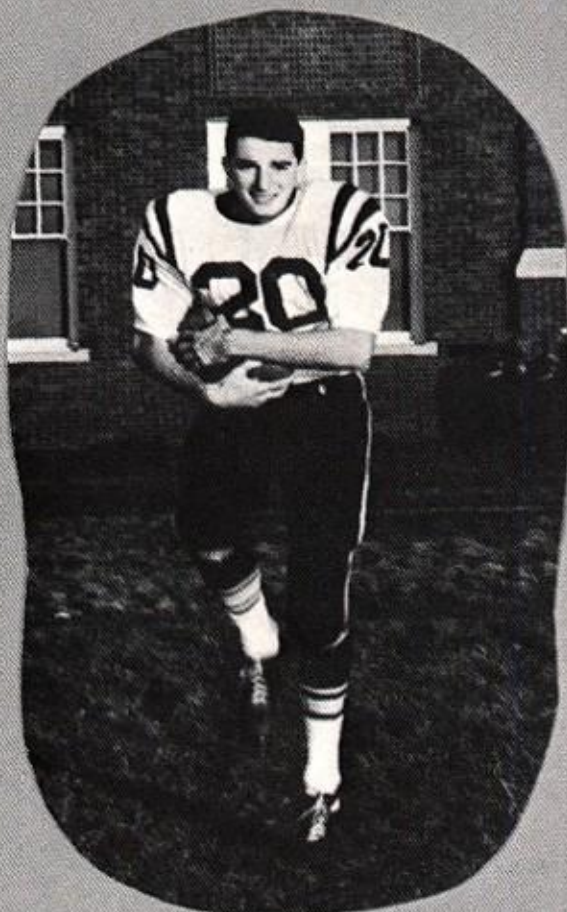
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Honorable Mention



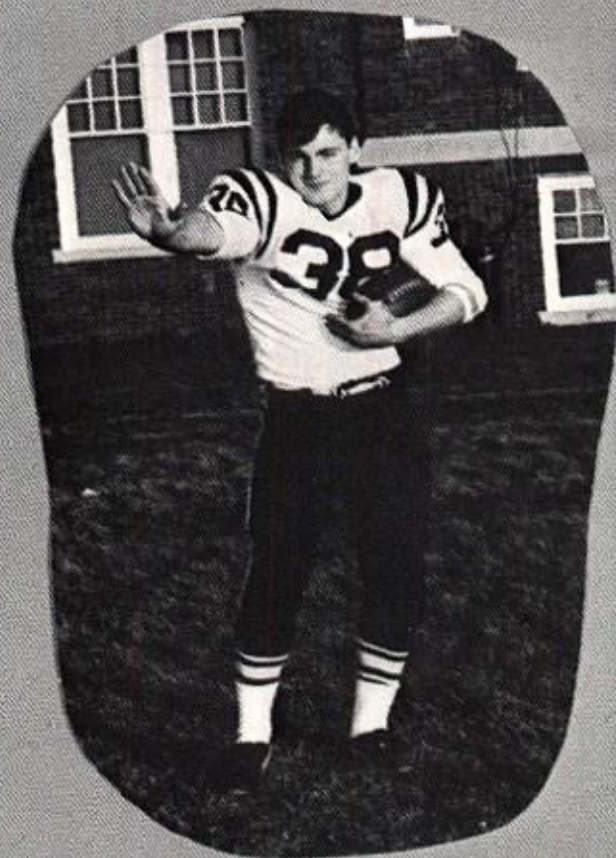
John Behrends
End
All Conference



Cary Standard
Center
All Conference

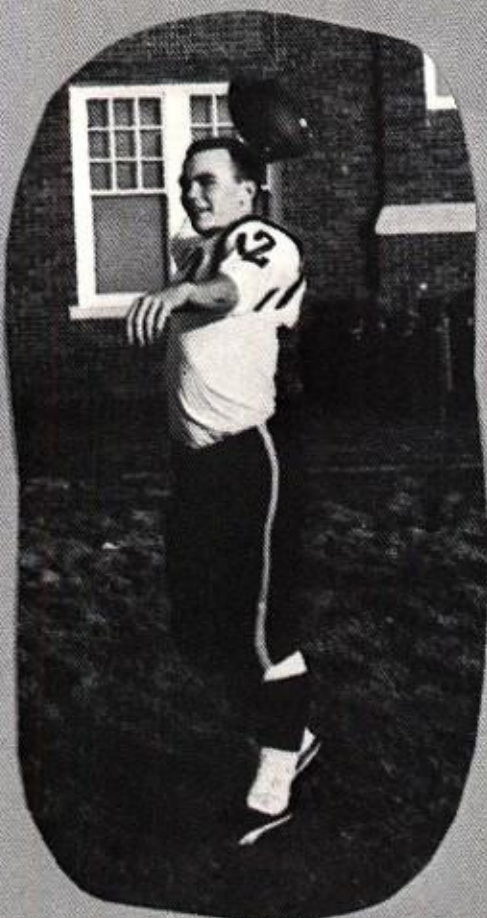


Dick Marquis
Halfback
Kicker
Honorable Mention



John Van Drew
Halfback
All Conference

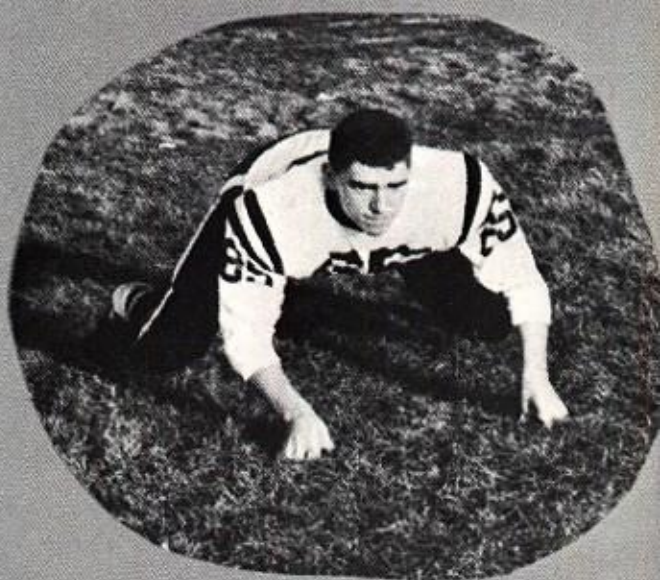
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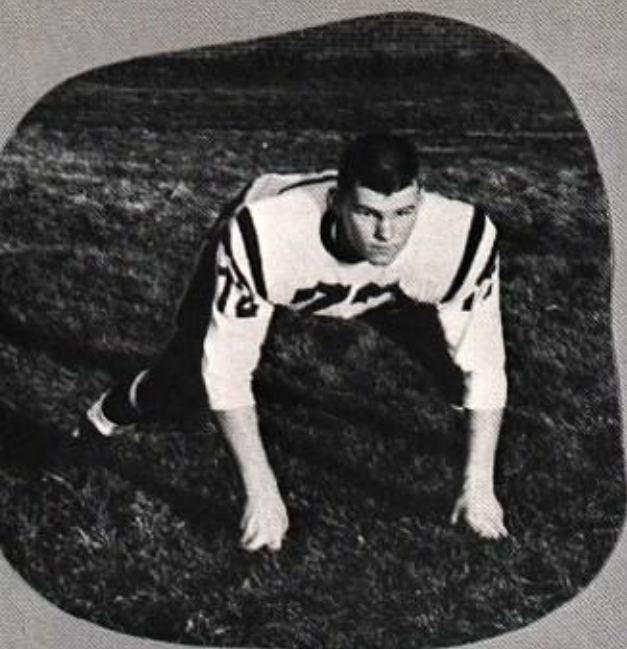
Jeff Langford
Quarterback



Rick Thomas
End



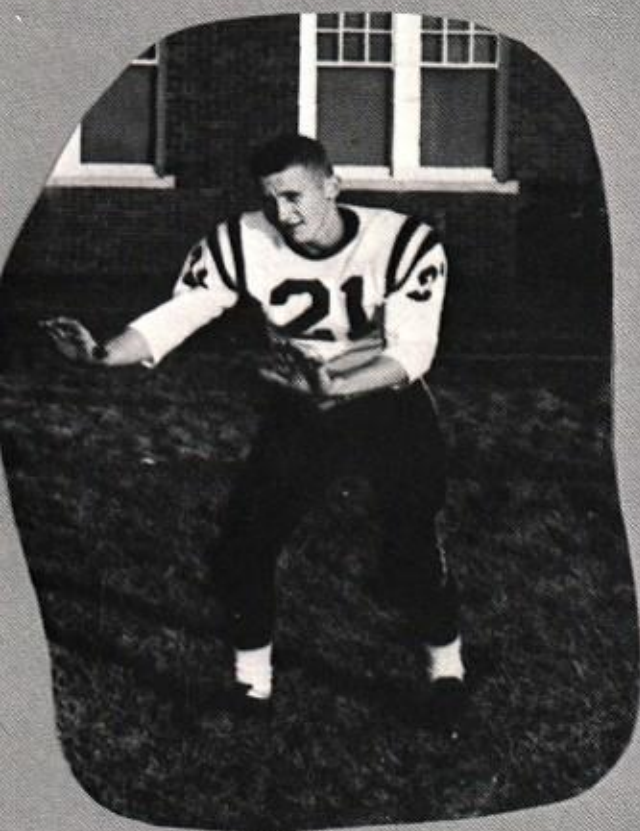
Wes Mezum
Guard
Tackle



Stanley Johnson
Tackle



Larry Morris
Defensive End



Allan Vander Meersch
Defensive Halfback

RAMS



Gerald Arnold
Guard



Larry Flint
End

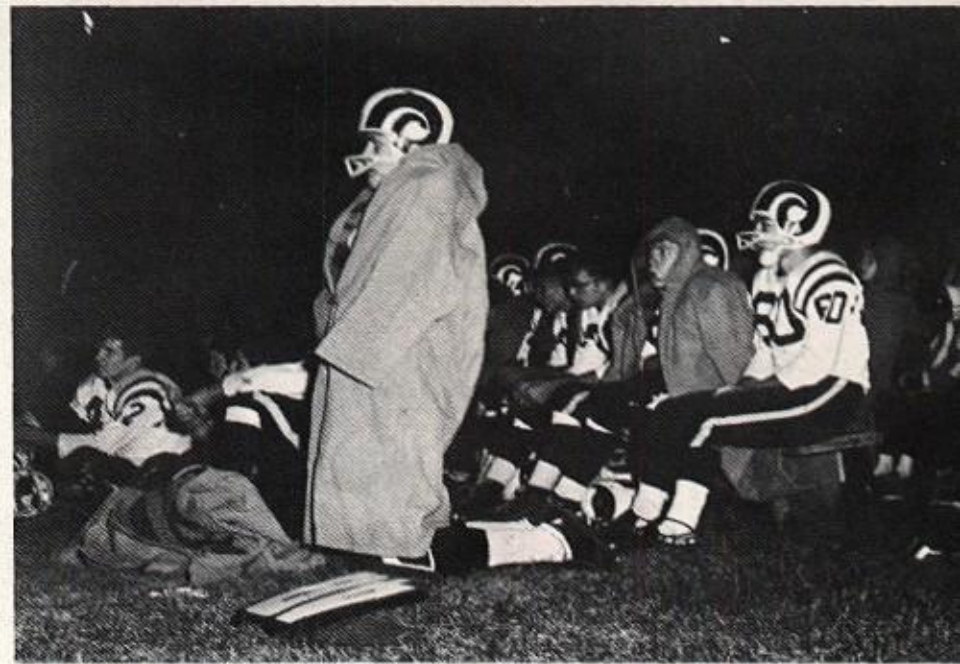


Bob Bennett
Guard
Tackle



George Lubbs
Tackle

RAMS



Season Record

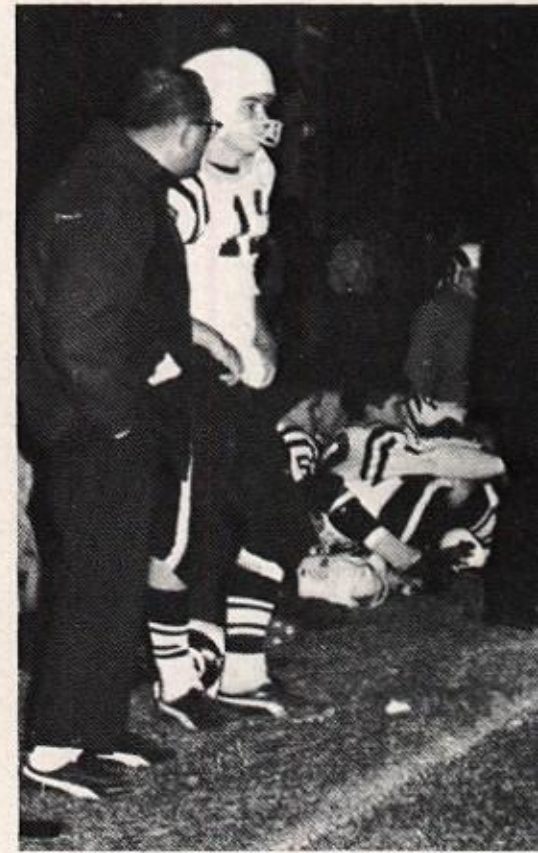
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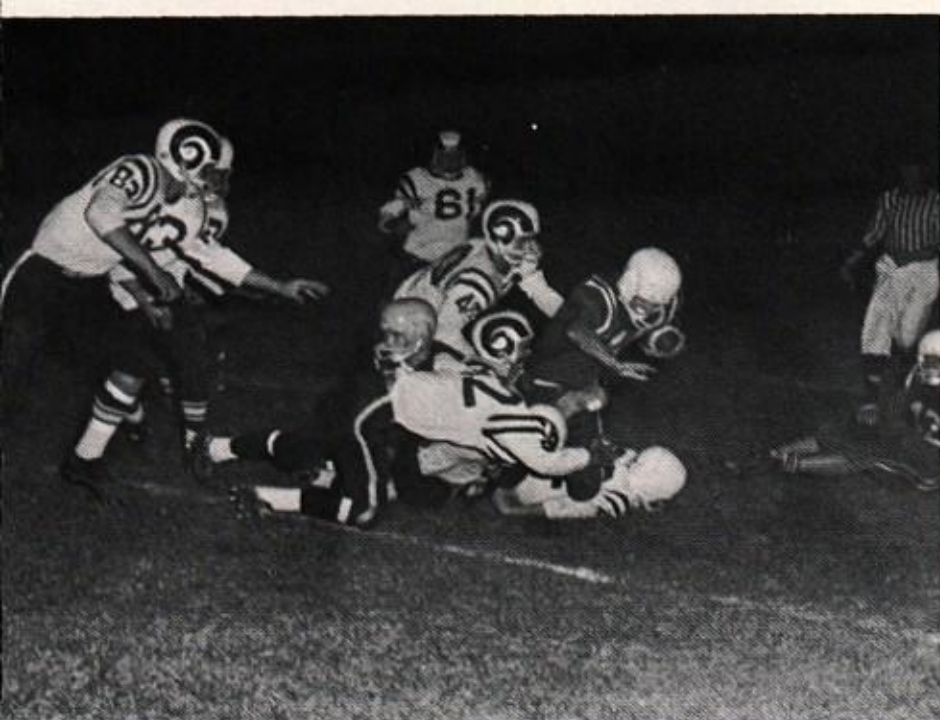
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Opponents

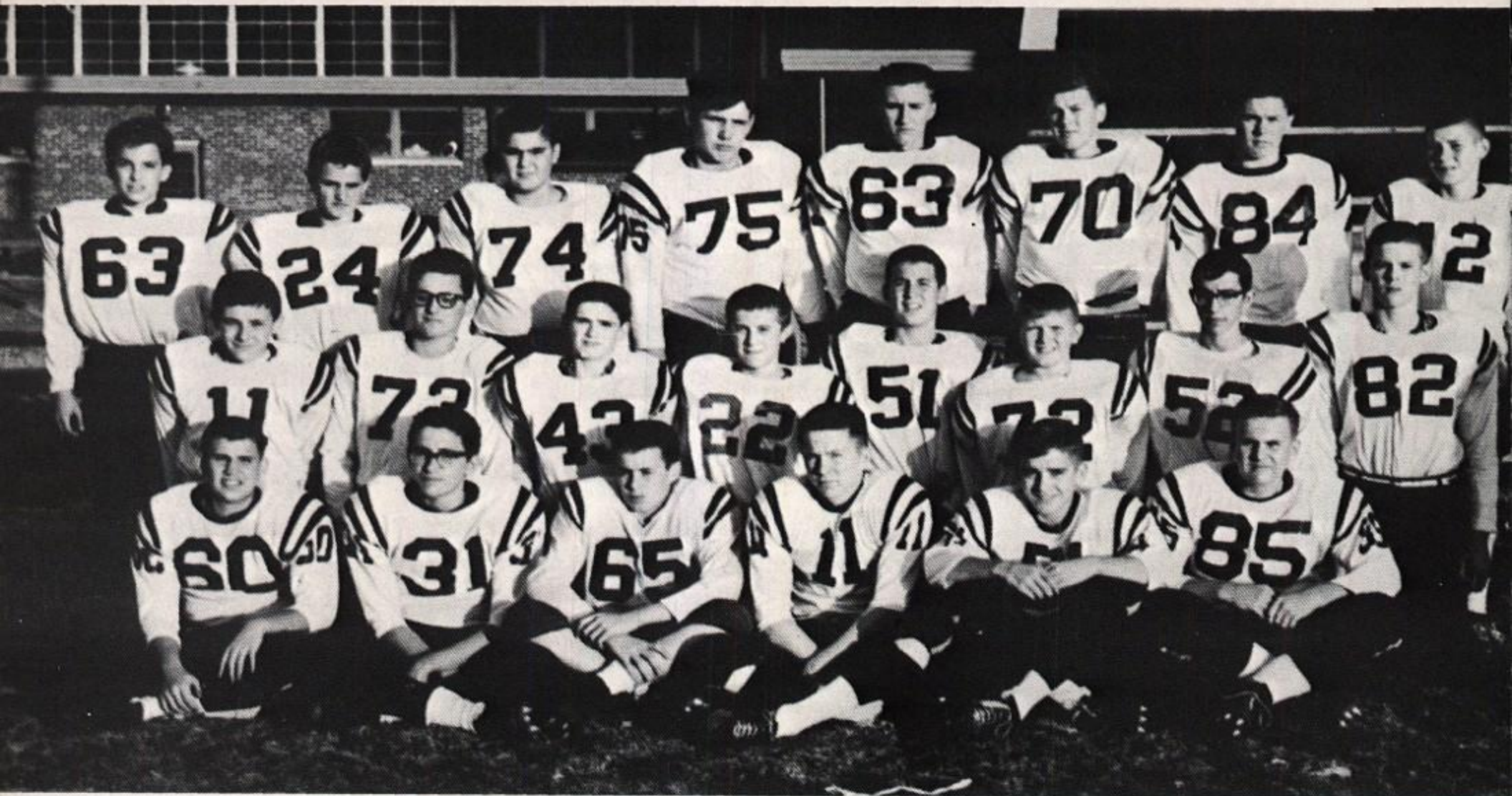
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... IN ACTION



Frosh-Soph



YOUNG RAMS FINISH SECOND IN "LITTLE 8"

"The past fall proved to have many rewards and few setbacks as far as the team was concerned. We witnessed the change from boys who knew very little about football into a team which worked hard and never let up. This fall's freshmen and sophomore team will fill in the gaps that are left from a fine graduating senior class. In order that the excellent athletics be maintained at Western High School, it is the responsibility of each incoming class to accept this challenge and perform to the best of their ability. I believe the frosh-soph football team has been no exception to this tradition."

..... Mr. Harry Lehning

Football Managers: John Thomas and Gary Wright



Western		Opponents
6	Manlius	6
25	Malden	0
0	Wyanet	41
2 Forfeit	Tampico	0
20	Ohio	6
14	La Moille	6
29	Bradford	0
2 Forfeit	Tiskilwa	0
2 Forfeit	Annawan	0
0	Manlius	69
0	Bradford	6



The Rams of Coach Giovannie faced the task of rebuilding a team which suffered the loss of three fine seniors from last year's conference winners. Though the team was due to lose another fine performer in the course of the season, the 1964-65 Western Ram basketball team was a fine representative of our school. They typified the spirit and determination of previous Western athletic teams.

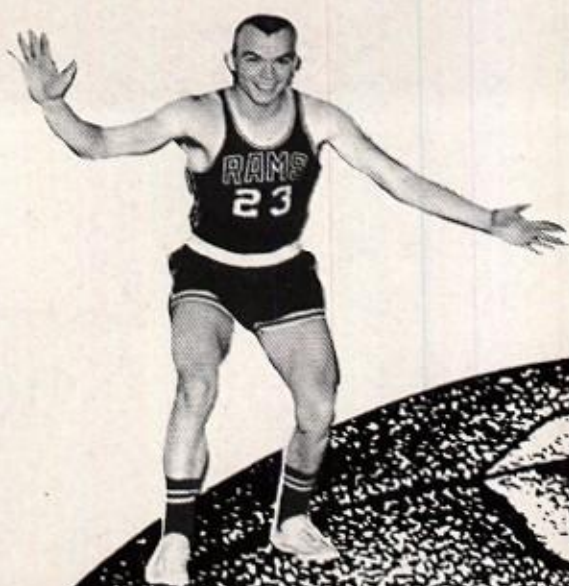
At the left, Coach Giovannie gets things "lined up" with his managers, Jim Thurston and Robert Mecum, who have served in this capacity for two consecutive years.

1964-65 VARSITY

1964-65

WESTERN

RAM SENIORS



Jeff Langford, guard



Roger Marquis, guard



John Behrends, center



Larry Frank, forward



John Van Drew, forward



Seasons Scores

Western	Opponents
51	Bradford 24
57	Atkinson 33
87	Tonica 64
51	Annawan 48
64	De Pue 76
60	Bergan of Peoria 45
80	Bradford 56
32	Tiskilwa 41
58	Wyoming 45
51	Rockridge (overtime) 52
64	Wyanet 48
81	Malden 66
74	LaMoille 55
82	Neponset (double overtime) 83
75	Brimfield 49
59	Walnut 56
51	Ohio 52
70	Ohio 52
54	Tampico 59
42	Annawan 59
84	Tampico 70
72	Wyanet 37
59	Neponset 60

CLOSE ONES !!!!!

The 1964-65 "Rams" finished second in one of the most tightly contested conference races ever staged in the Little "8". With the exception of two one point losses and another by a five point margin, the cagers could have kept the conference record unblemished for the second year in succession.

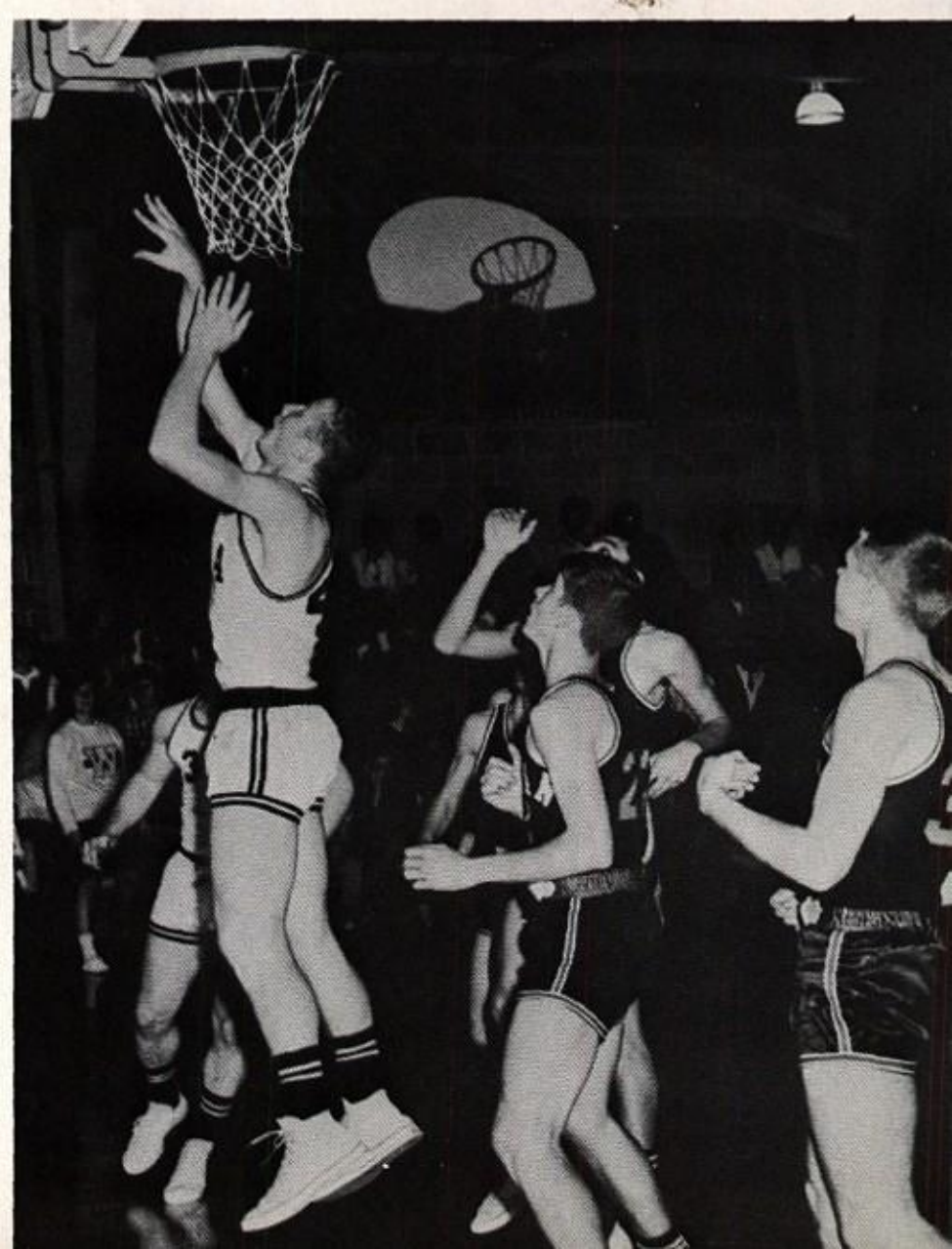
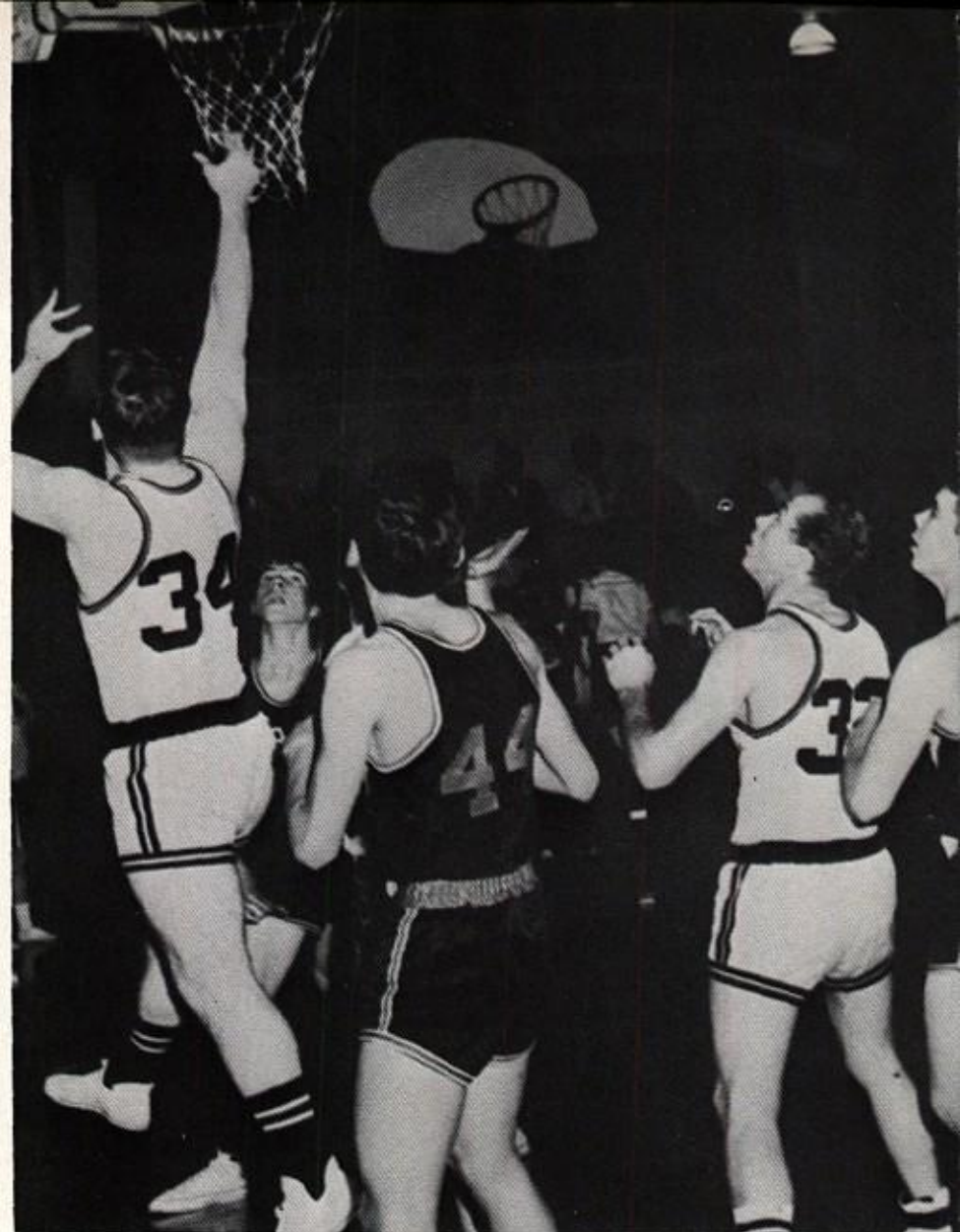
Among the most memorable victories were the conference wins over co-champ Annawan and district winner Tampico plus the win over Walnut. Western's non-conference record was 8-2 which included a 5 win no loss mark against Blackhawk competition.

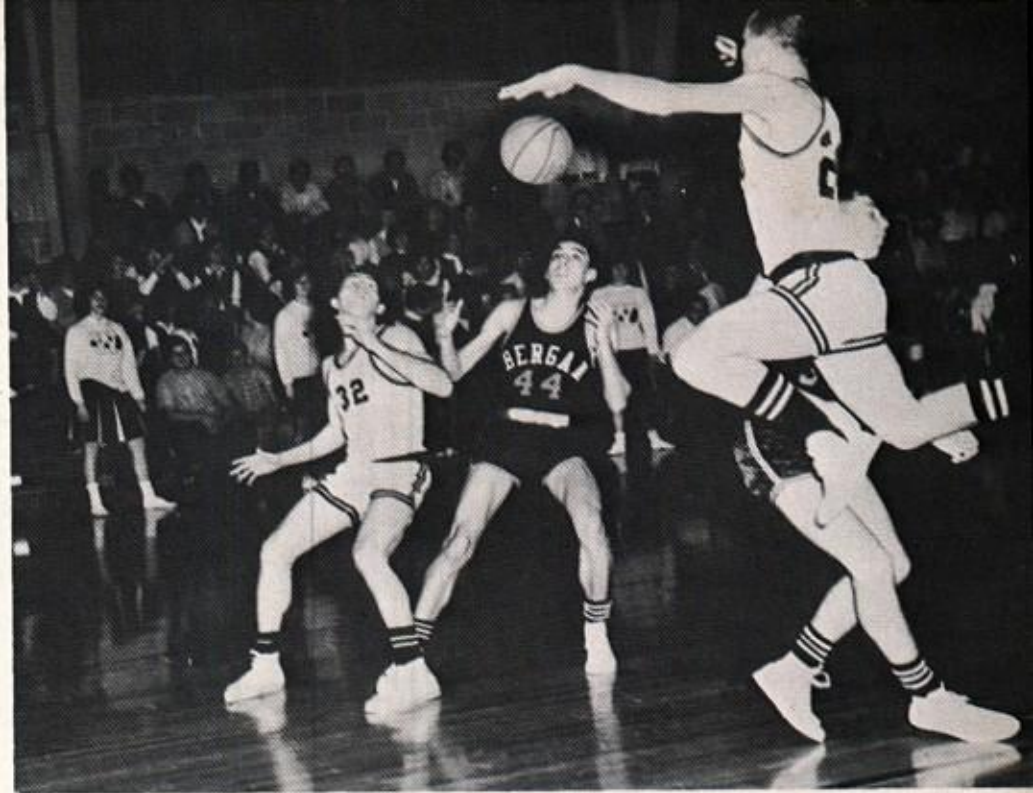
The "iron men" seniors Larry Frank, John Van Drew, Jeff Langford, Roger Marquis, and John Behrends started practically every game after the loss of Dick Marquis. Behrends and Marquis were All-conference selections and paced the scoring department along with John Van Drew who also was the number two rebounder. Terry Pratt and Dan Morris were key reserves and earned their letters as juniors.

John Behrends set a number of seasonal and cumulative rebounding and scoring records and Roger Marquis picked up the most recoveries and took the Free Throw Trophy with a .753% average.

Western's attack featured a pressing defensive which seemed to compensate for relative lack in height against practically all opponents. The seasonal defensive average was 53.8 which was just shy of a new seasonal record.

..... Coach Giovannie





Frosh—Soph



This years Frosh-Soph team did exceptionally well this year with 15 wins and only 4 losses for the season. They placed second in the conference. These boys should be of great value to the varsity squad in the future.

. . . . Coach Boone



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1965 TRACK SQUAD

Track Season: In the process of rebuilding around such seniors as John Van Drew, Larry Frank, Rick Thomas, and Allan Vander Meersch, Western's track team won its fourth consecutive track championship.

Because of the fine group of underclassmen, Western can look forward to a fine year in 1965 and 1966. Most productive members, point-wise, of this year's squad aside from the seniors already mentioned were Jerry Rodgers, Tom Vander Meersch, John Behrends, Bill Runft, Jim Bickett, and Les Newman.

The varsity track team was bolstered by fine Fresh-Soph relay teams. Highlights of the season aside from the conference championship were the first-place trophy in the Hall Red Devil Relays in Spring Valley, and a second place finish in the conference meet.



Western's Most Valuable Track Star



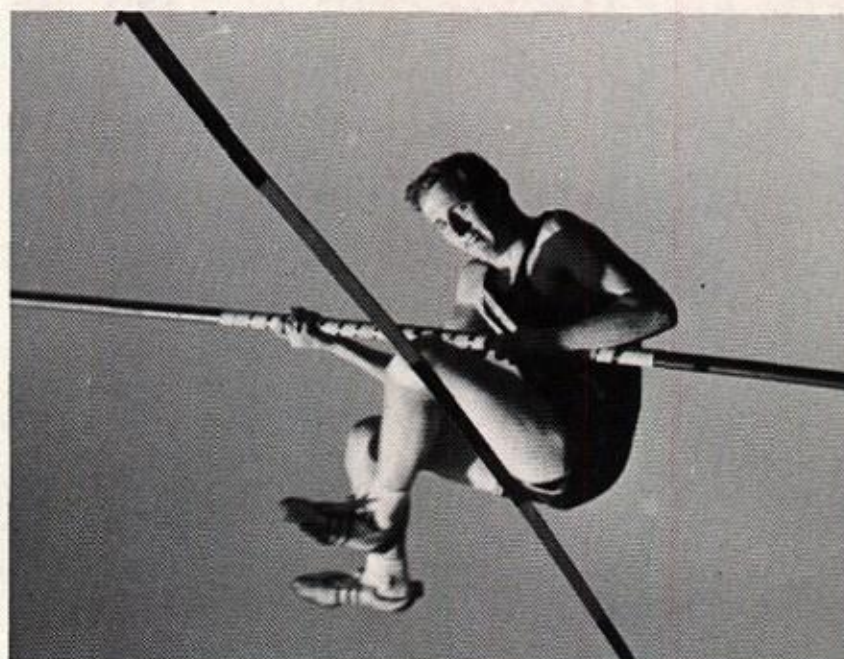
The supreme and constant effort



Relay team receives honors



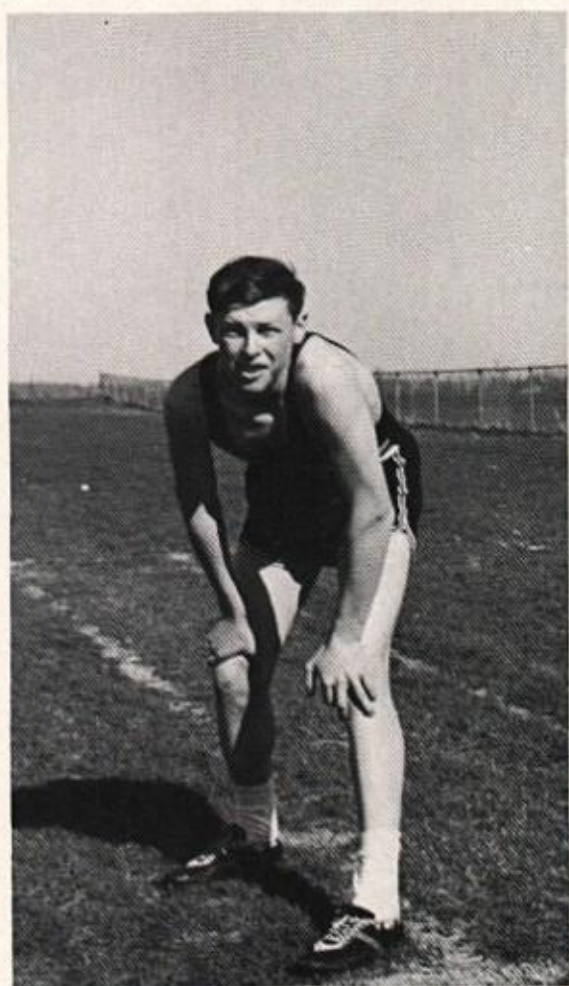
Distance runners remain undefeated



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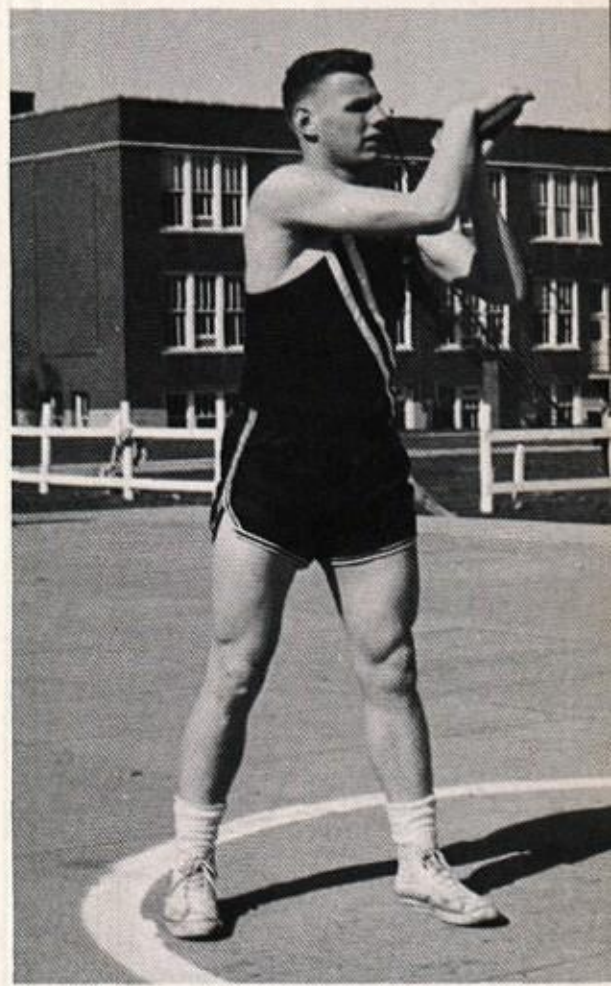
Trophy-winning team completes an outstanding season



Double winner in Frosh-Soph conference



Most Valuable Athlete
Records broken when track girls "take over"

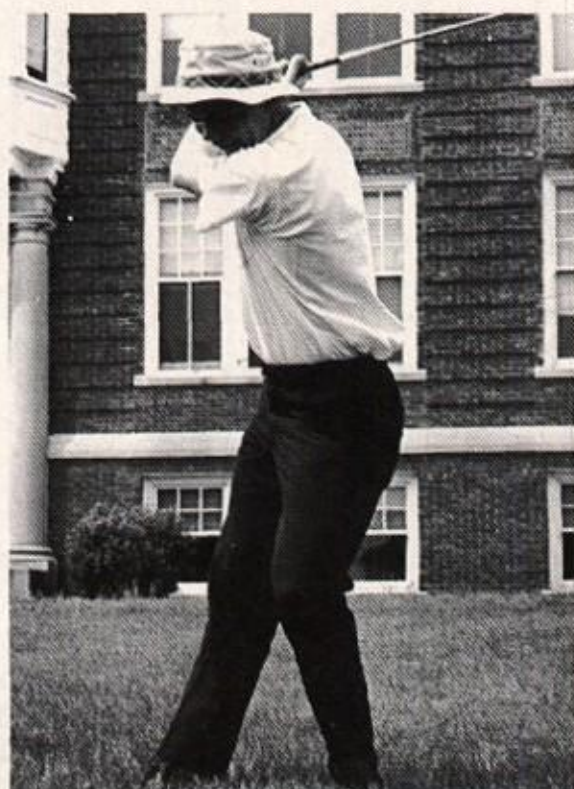


Big John throws "Platter"

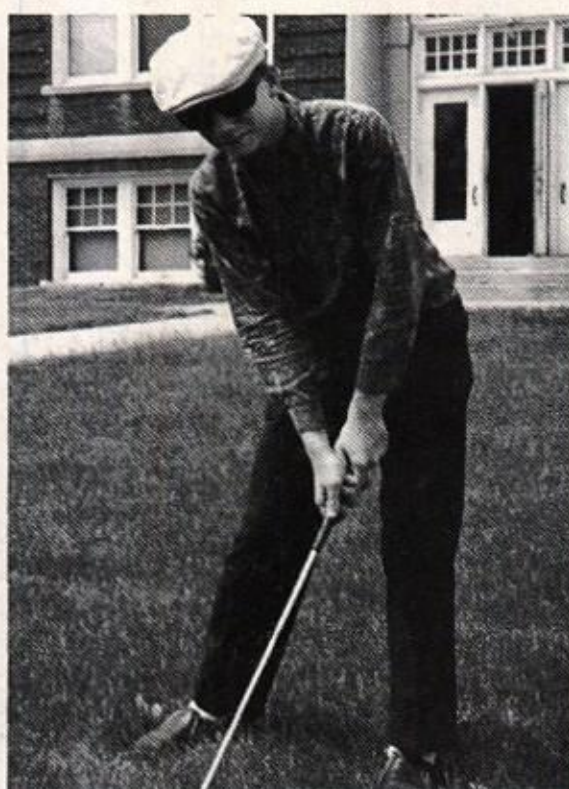




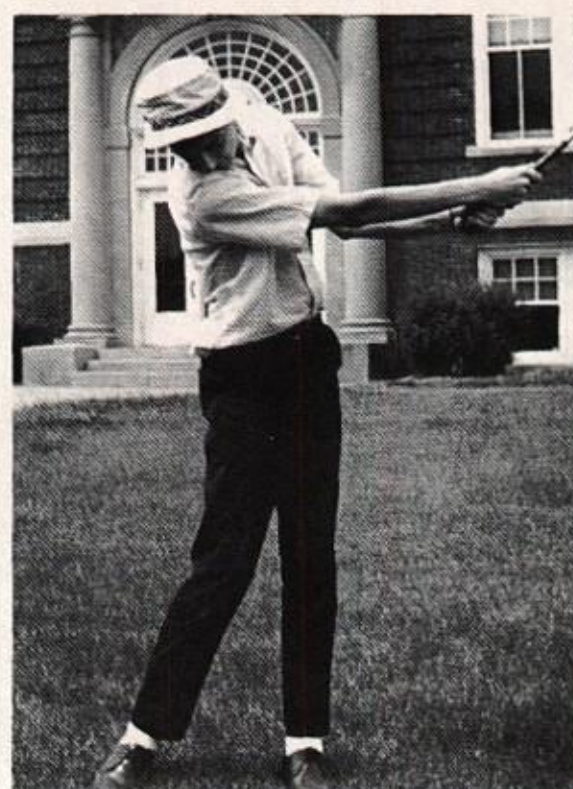
Future Master's Champs



Jeff Langford



Greg Langford



Scott Boyden



ACTIVITIES . . .



WESTERN'S HOMECOMING COURT





To complete the memorable events, John Behrends and Cheryl Thompson were crowned King and Queen of the 1964 Western Homecoming.

Homecoming time once again! Bonfires, skits, marching bands, and yelling crowds at the all important game made the long awaited night a success.





MEMORIES OF "THE





On the evening of May 1, excitement and anticipation filled the air at the Bureau Valley Country Club in Princeton as couples gathered for one of the most dreamed about events of the year--the prom.

"In The Garden of Love," the students enjoyed a delicious smorgasbord meal after which was read the senior's wills and futures. Later, the couples enjoyed dancing to the music of The Stylists, which was inspired by Mrs. Hubbard's singing.

GARDEN OF LOVE''





WESTERN HIGH BAND



Judy VanLoo, trumpet solo



Merle Whipple, trombone solo

First Place Winners NOT Pictured

Solos-Trombone: Larry Jontz
 Flute: Pat VanCauwenberg
 Piano: David DeBates

Duet-Baton: Cheryl and Sandy Thompson

Trios-Sax: Linda Mercer, Kristi Stratton,
 Dorothy Larson

Flute: Elaine DeFreezer, Pat Van-
 Cauwenberg, Jena Moore

Quartets-Trombone: Larry Flint, Larry Jontz,
 Dick Larson, Merle Whipple
 Sax: Kathy Arnold, Sandy Mercer,
 David DeBates, Bob Huff

Julie Johnson, Janet Carper, Judy VanLoo, cornet trio





The band put on a good performance for Western's Homecoming.



A well deserved break!

Band Officers:

Becky Tumbleson	President
Martha Madsen	Vice President
Susan Sullivan	Secretary
David DeBates	Treasurer





Western's Dance Band

The Western High Band Proudly Plays Her School Song





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The Western Ramettes are a busy group. Besides leading the band in parades, they compete with other color guards of the Midwest Color Guard Circuit. They are sponsored by Frank W. Suggit Post No. 126 and H. F. Hertz Post No. 415 of the American Legion of Buda and Sheffield. The members are Linda Mercer as Sergeant; Linda Frank and Khriseda Foster on rifles; Sharon Bennett, American flag; Cheryl Whisler, State flag; Patty Moore, Legion flag; Sandy Mercer Color Guard flag; and Betty Larson, Guard Colors.

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RAMETTES





HIGH-STEPPING TWIRLERS LEAD THE BAND



There is no more stirring sight than to see a fine marching band coming down the field, led by a strutting group of twirlers.

It has always been a tradition here at Western to have both---a fine band and a fine group of twirlers.

For the past four years at Western High, the band has always responded to the commands of Cheryl Thompson. Cheryl's presence on the field will be missed next year.

Next year Cheryl's place will be taken by the newly-elected head majorette, Terry Hamann.



Chorus at work

Highliters



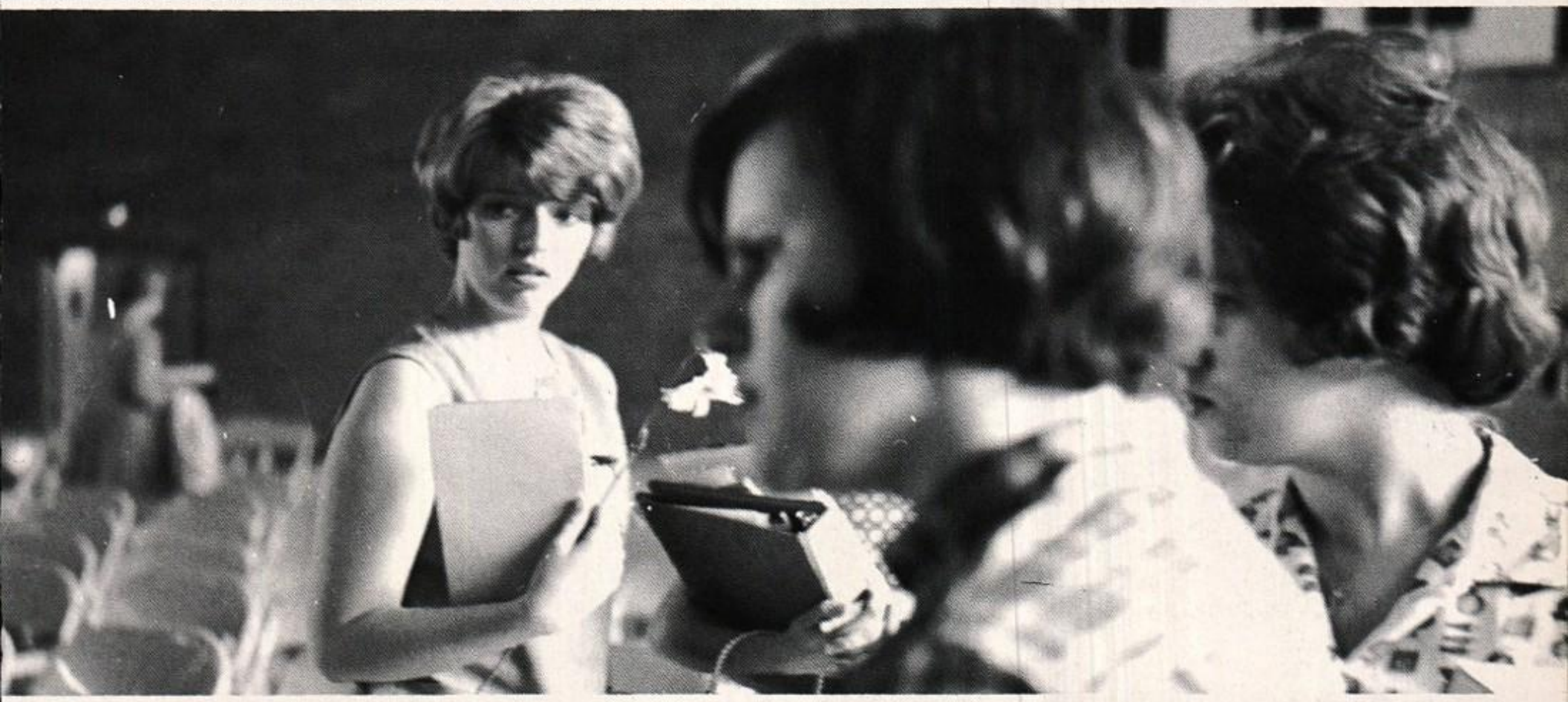


The Western Choir



Julie Johnson and Janet Carper Soloists

The Western Choir members enjoyed a prosperous year under the new direction of Mrs. Hubbard. By hard work and co-operation, the chorus provided entertainment at many performances. The highlights of the year were the Christmas program, the contest work, and the Spring Concert. In view of the past accomplishments, the choir hopes to improve and increase musical knowledge in the next year.



ORGANIZATIONS . . .



The Student Council has been very successful this year, as it fulfilled its purpose--to provide a medium between the students and faculty. It has tried to promote cooperation between all members of our school system and has had great success with all its projects.

Officers:

President	George Lubbs
Vice-Pres.	Dean Emmerson
Secretary	Rebecca Tumbleson
Treasurer	Susan Sullivan
Reporter	Patricia Ellis



Student Council





The Western Chapter of the Future Teachers of America met once every month throughout the year. Each meeting consisted of a business meeting, and a special program. Each member had an opportunity to do cadet teaching in the Junior High School.



Officers-Valerie Davis, Jerry Rodgers, Martha Madsen, Christy Carper, Becky Tumbleson, Jan Calvert, and Susan Sullivan.

Future Teachers of America



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Officers: Bonnie Lindstrom, Jan Calvert, Christy Carper, Linda Morris, Patty Ellis, Rebecca Tumbleson, Kathy Grubb, Sharon Martin, Barbara Maddy, Carol Hayes.

“Toward New Horizons”

The Future Homemakers of America had a very successful and interesting program this year. Each one proved to be educational as well as entertaining. The F.H.A. Rally, which is an annual event, was held at western this year and was very much enjoyed by everyone.





Officers: Dan Tumbleson, Dean Emmerson, Lee Ourth(advisor), Jim Nelson, Stanley Johnson, Larry Flint, and Dale Ropp.

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'Living To Serve'

Future Farmers of America meet monthly with their advisor, Mr. Ourth, to discuss and develop better methods of farming and conservation.

One of the main projects of the boys this past year was sponsoring a water testing project.



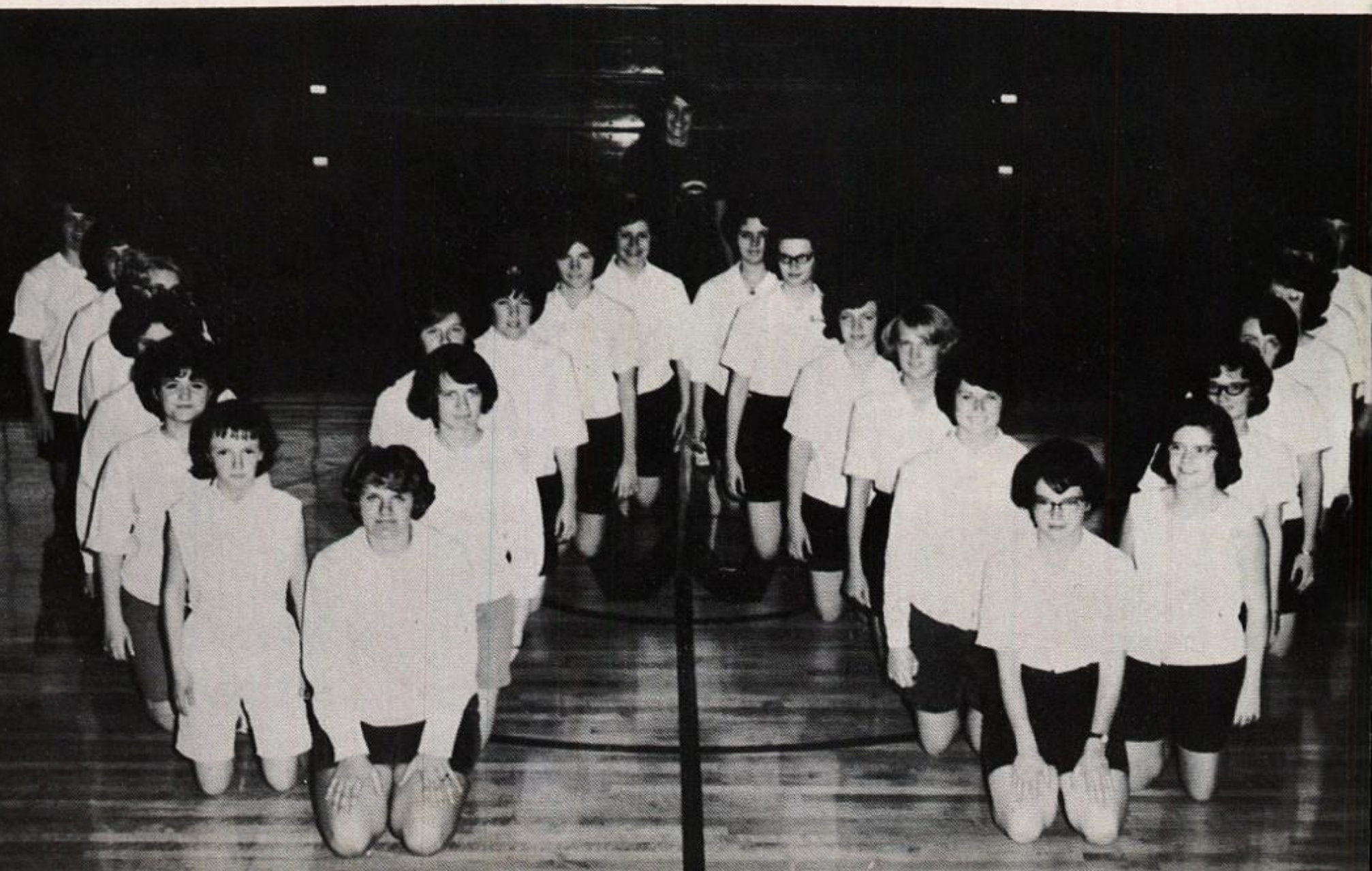
Officers: Cynthia Roberts, Carol Shofner,
Barbara Maddy, DeeAnn Whipple, Martha
Madsen, Janet Shofner, and Jan Calvert.

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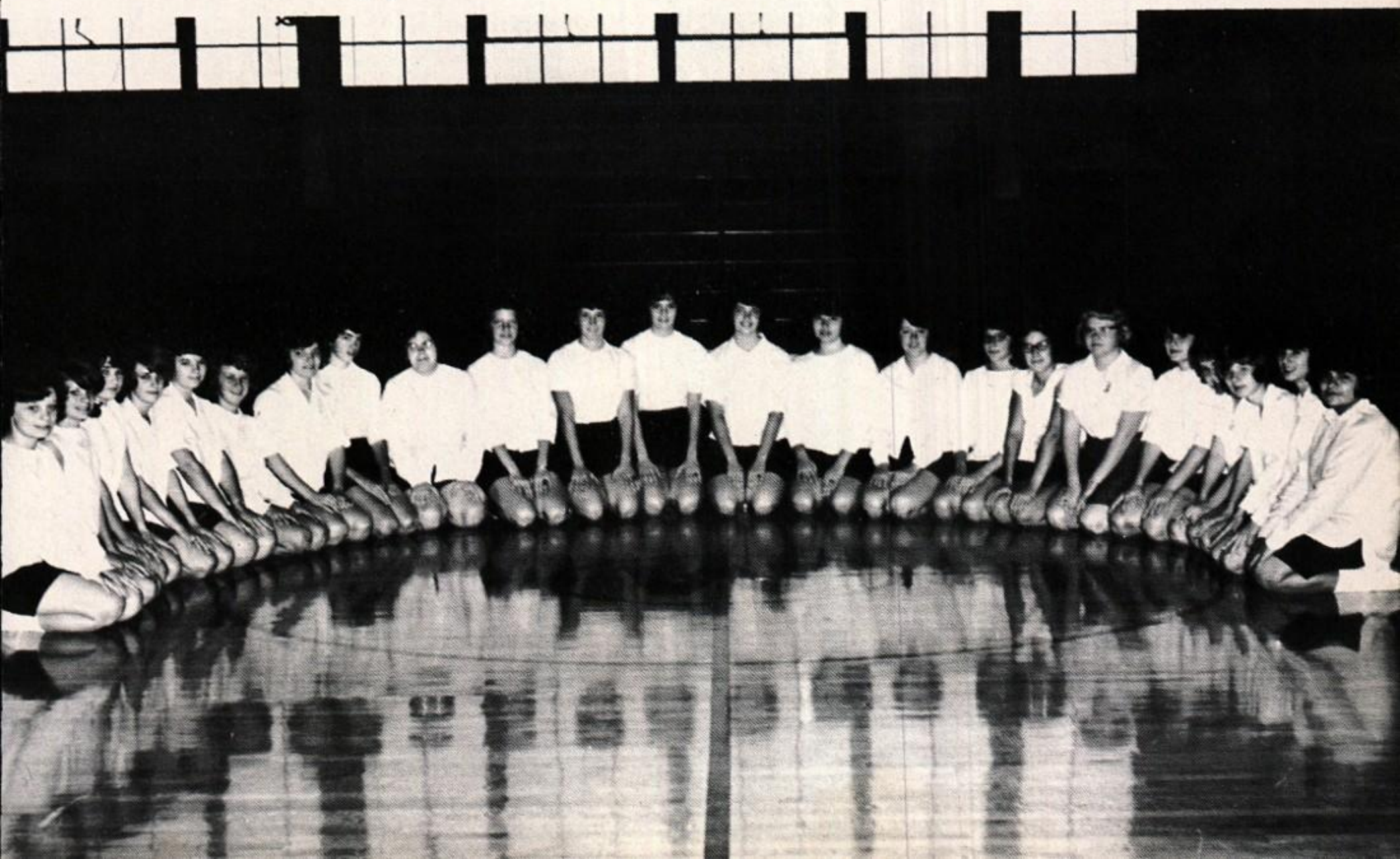




The Girls Athletic Association has had an active year headed by Miss Boatz, sponsor, and Cynthia Roberts, president. Aside from meeting each Monday night, the G. A. A. girls contributed to their funds by having a work day in Buda and Sheffield.

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Frosh Soph-Candy Hodgett, Julie Johnson, Becky Smith, Linda Morris.



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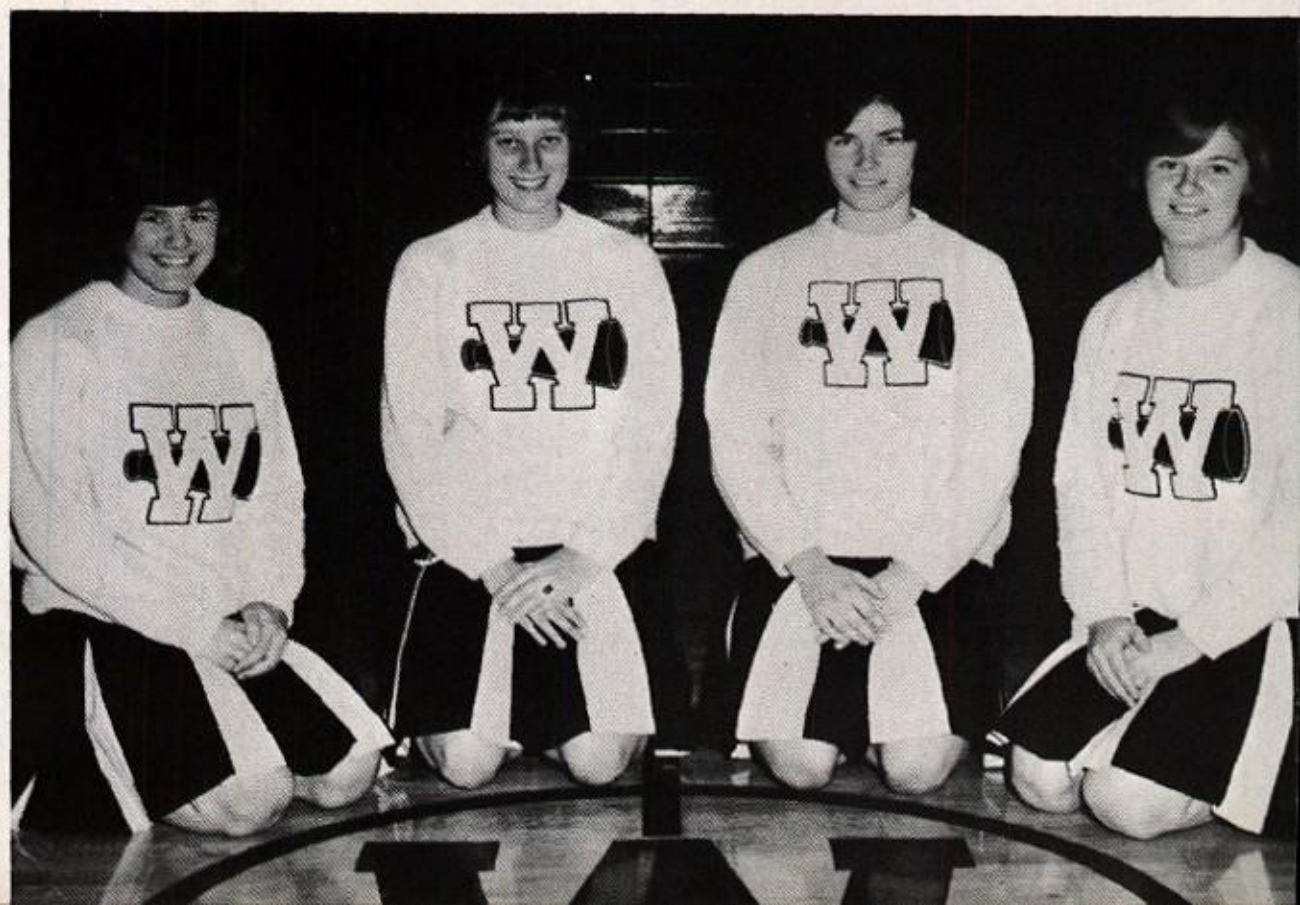
TEAM!

Varsity-Rosemary Bradley, Cheryl Thompson, Carol Shofner, Barbara Maddy.

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ACT WELL YOUR PART FOR THERE THE HONOR LIES DRAMATICS



Officers: Mrs. Burton, Advisor; Steve Grubb, Vice-President; Dennis Jontz, Treasurer; Rosemary Bradley, Reporter; Patty Ellis, Secretary; Jeff Langford, President.

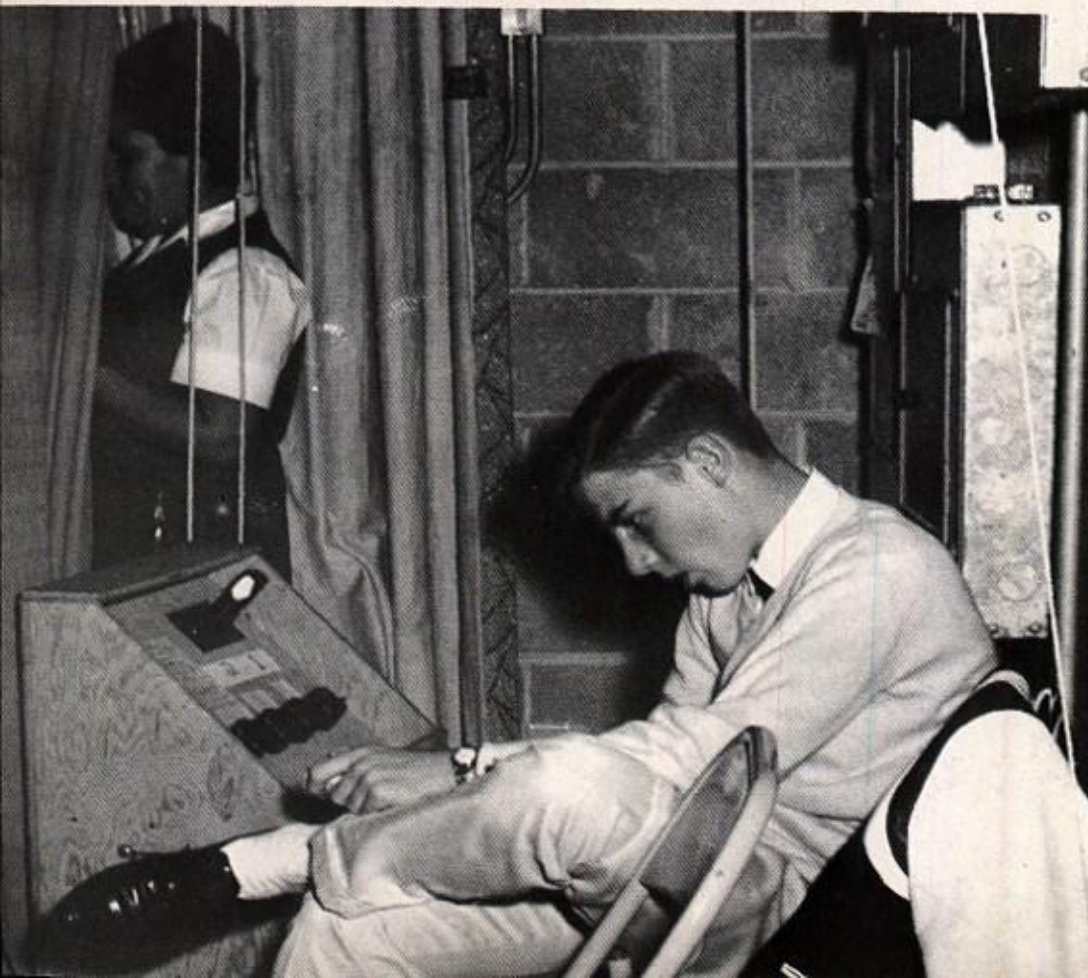
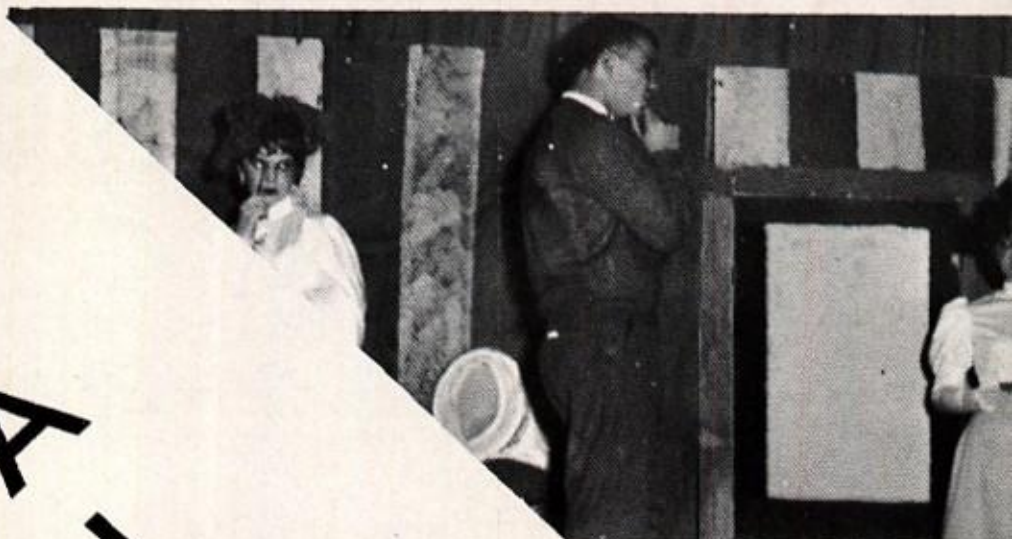
Dramatics Club began the 1964-65 school year with auditions for freshmen who wished to join the "dramatic side of life." Since there is a fixed quota of members, those freshmen who were accepted felt honored.

The club's first major production was the presentation of Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion," under the direction of its sponsor, Karen Burton.

In the spring the performers staged four one-act plays. The audience welcomed the change from the usual multiple-act production.



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ONE ACT

"THE BALD SOPRANO"



The play, "The Bald Soprano," directed by Dennis Jontz, won first in school competition and the right to go on to the Little Eight Play Contest.

"Antic Spring" was directed by Jeff Langford. The setting is spring with six teenagers preparing to go on a picnic.

"High Window," directed by Steve Grubb, concerns a dominating old woman who intimidates her nephew to hide her treacherous nature and sin.



"ANTIC SPRING"

PLAYS

"HIGH WINDOW"





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The newly-organized Pep Club did much to increase school spirit among the students and players. They sold booster buttons, toy Rams, pennants, bow ties, and also sponsored a dance at which new cheers were learned.

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INITIATE TAKES OATH

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Membership in the National Honor Society is based on four things: character, service, leadership, and scholarship. Total membership in the society is restricted to ten per cent of the student body. The National Honor Society performs duties for the school on request of the principal and faculty.



Members: Richard Larson, Gerald Arnold, Stephen Grubb, Rosemary Bradley, Rebecca Smith, Merle Whipple, Scott Boyden, Joe Hoenscheid, Jeff Langford, Greg Langford, Susan Eigsti, Dennis Jontz, and Terry Lee Hamann.



SOCIETY OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Membership in the Society of Academic Achievement is an award given by the W. P. A. to a student for his excellent academic achievement. To receive this award, a student must have taken all academic courses and received high marks in them. A certain scholastic average must be maintained by the honor student; otherwise, he will be dismissed from the organization.





At the end of each month the Rambler staff occupies the bookkeeping room by busily working to edit the paper which entitles hours of work.

This year Becky Tumbleson and Patty Ellis acted as co-editors with Mrs. Anthony as Supervisor of the staff.

Many hours of hard work are spent each month by the entire staff in preparing the Rambler for the enjoyment of others.

RECORDING THE FACTS





Westerner Recaptures Memories



Executive Staff-Jeff Langford, Jane Behrends,
Cheryl Thompson.

This year's Westerner staff is busily recording the exciting events of the passing year.

Weeks of planned activities, layout, and selection of pictures compromise the major task of the annual staff. The busiest times of the year occur when a shipment to the factory in North Carolina is due.

Long hours, co-operation, and hard work were all required to remember the memories of the past year.



QUILL AND SCROLL

Twelve seniors were selected by a faculty committee as qualified members of Quill and Scroll, and international honor organization for outstanding achievement in journalism.

To become a member, one must be of a junior or senior standing, be in the upper third of his class, and have done outstanding work in journalism, either by working on the Rambler or Westerner.



Initiates: Jan Calvert, Susan Eigsti, Jeff Langford, Rick Thomas, Cheryl Thompson, Jane Behrends, Christy Carper, Judy Lootens, Valerie Davis, Janice Neufcour, Linda Johnson, and Rebecca Tumbleson.



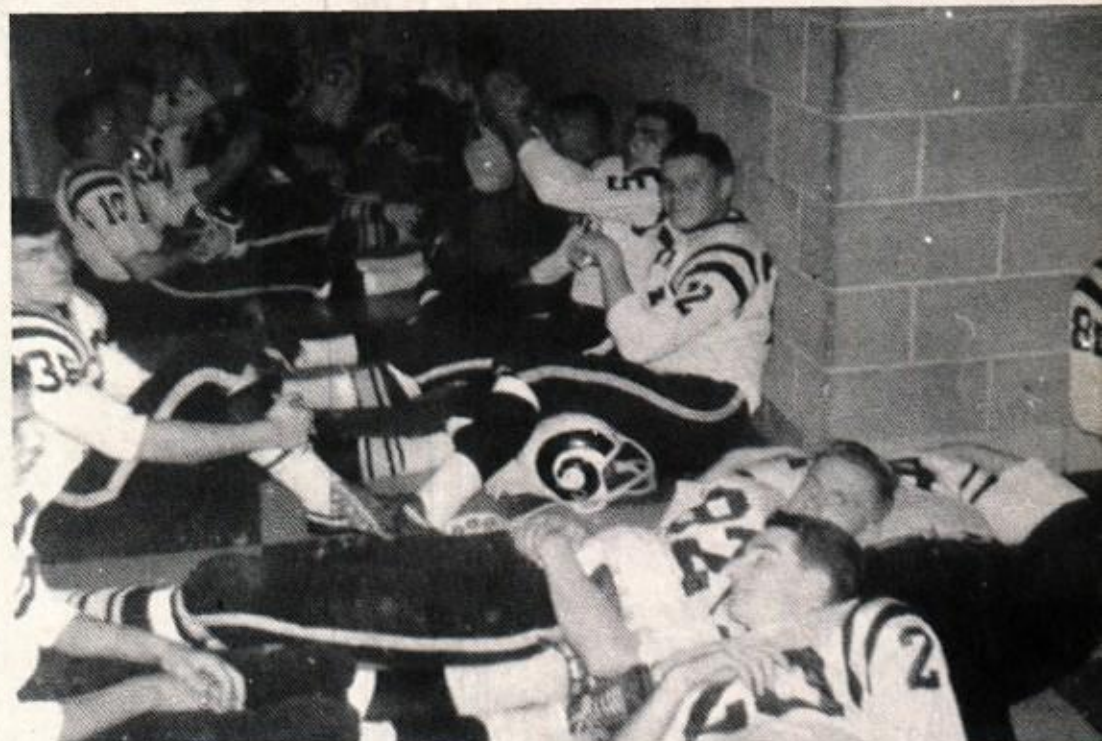


VARSITY CLUB

Varsity Club is an honorary organization composed of boys who have won a varsity letter in any sport.

Money-making projects for the year consisted of cake raffles at the games throughout the basketball season and a Faculty vs. Varsity Club game. The proceeds were used to pay for the whirlpool.

The Varsity Club sponsored an athletic banquet for all of Western's athletes and their families.





SPEECH WINNERS

Jeff Langford--1st at Western University Scientific Exposition

Jane Behrends--Sectional Qualifier

Candy Hodgett--1st at Peoria Invitational Prose Reading

Joe Hoenscheid--Sectional Qualifier

SPEECH TEAM

Western's speech team this year made great strides toward championship status. With a large force of underclassmen, Western's speakers have a very bright future. This year's team has done a good job and we should be proud of their accomplishments.





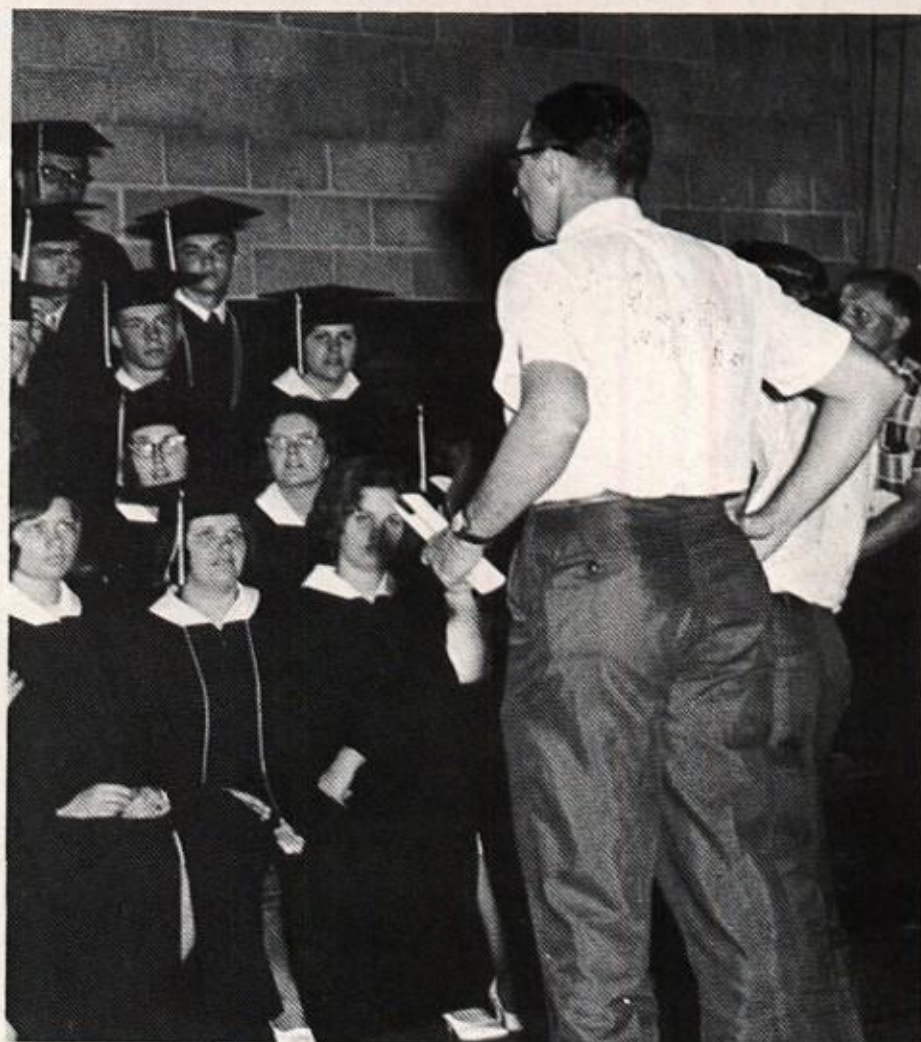
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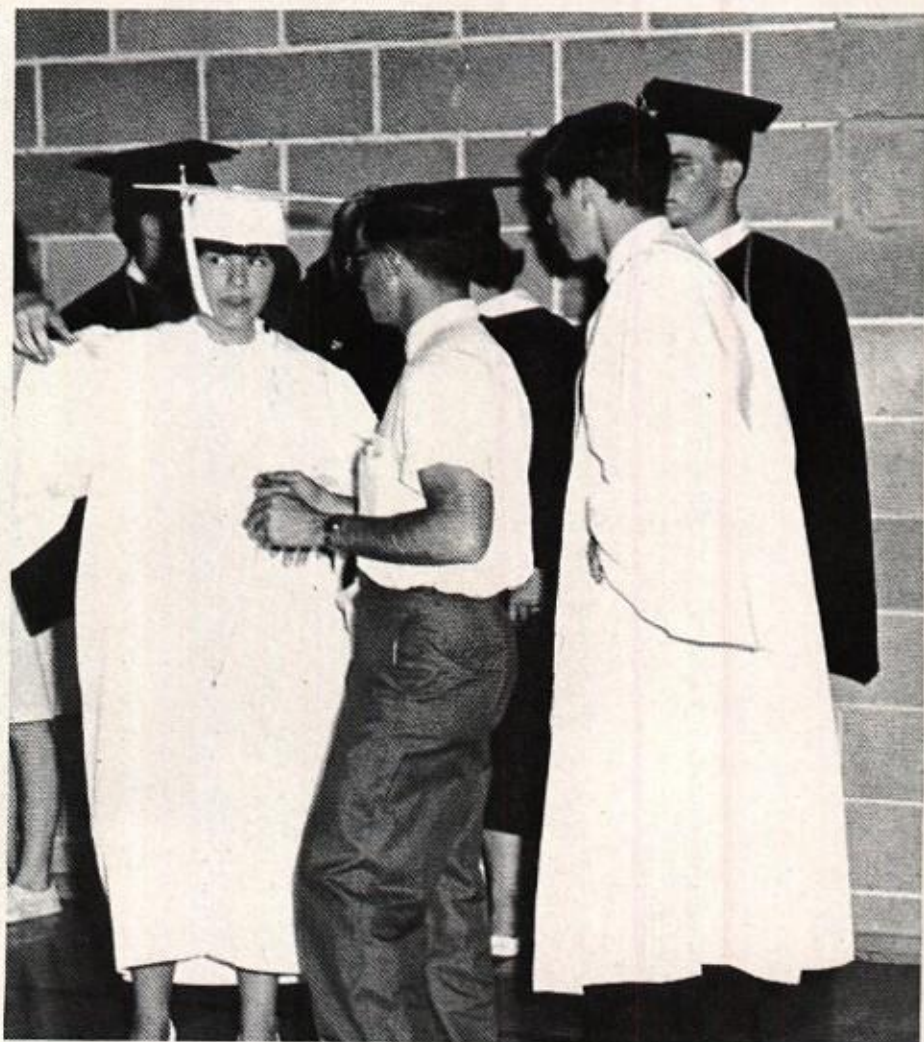
Jeff Langford
Valedictorian

Janice Neufcour
Salutatorian

Richard Larson
Honor Student



School is over but questions never seem to cease, as seniors prepare for the big night.





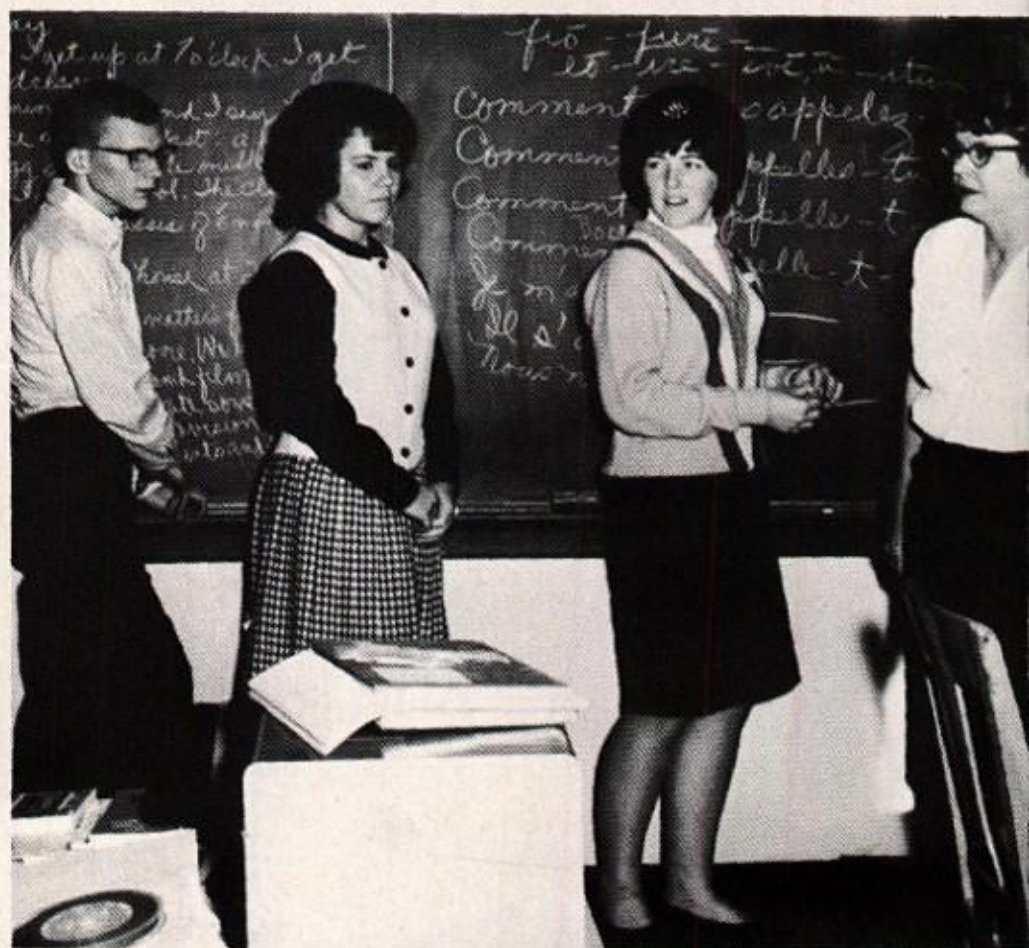
The long awaited evening
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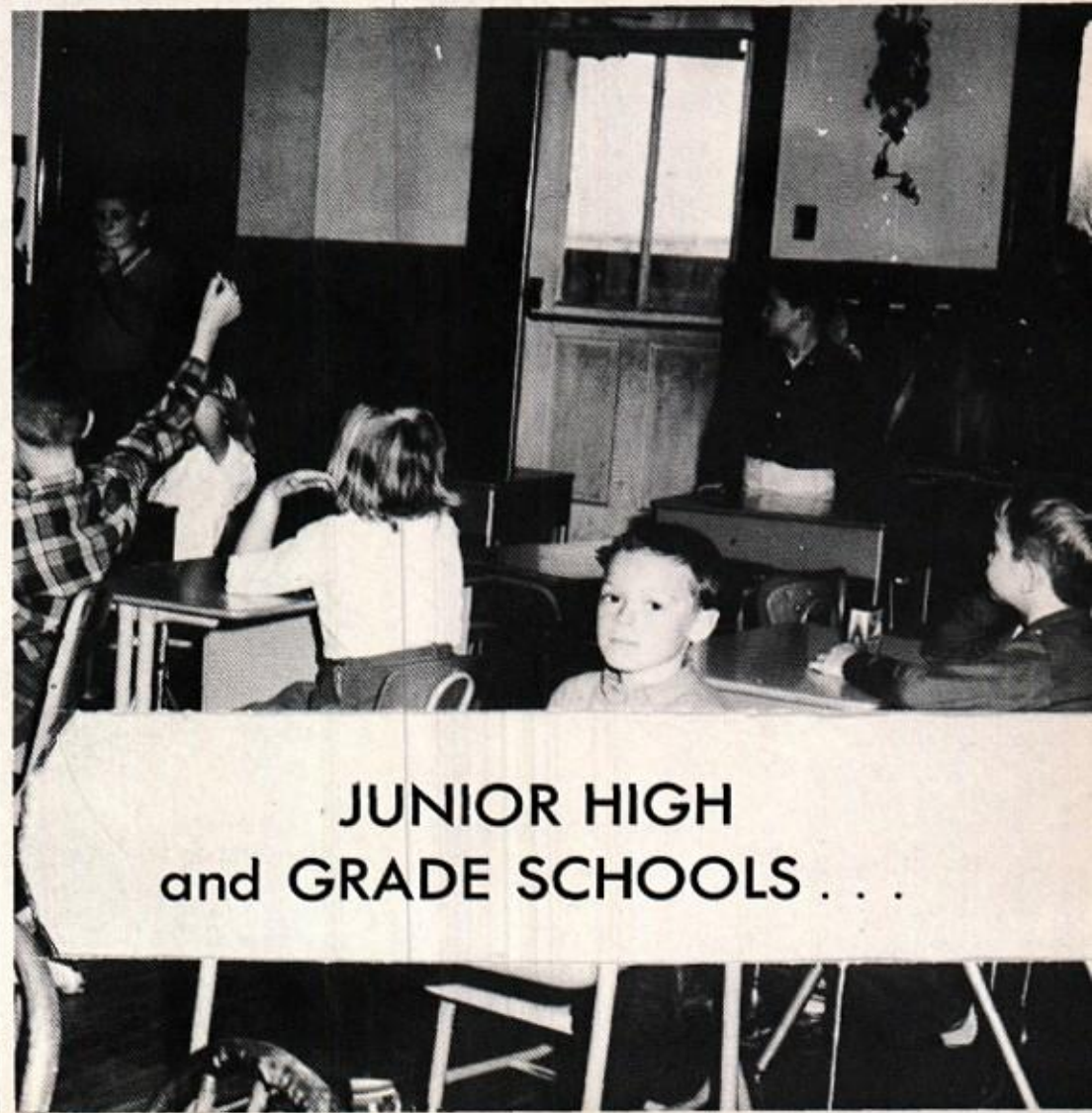
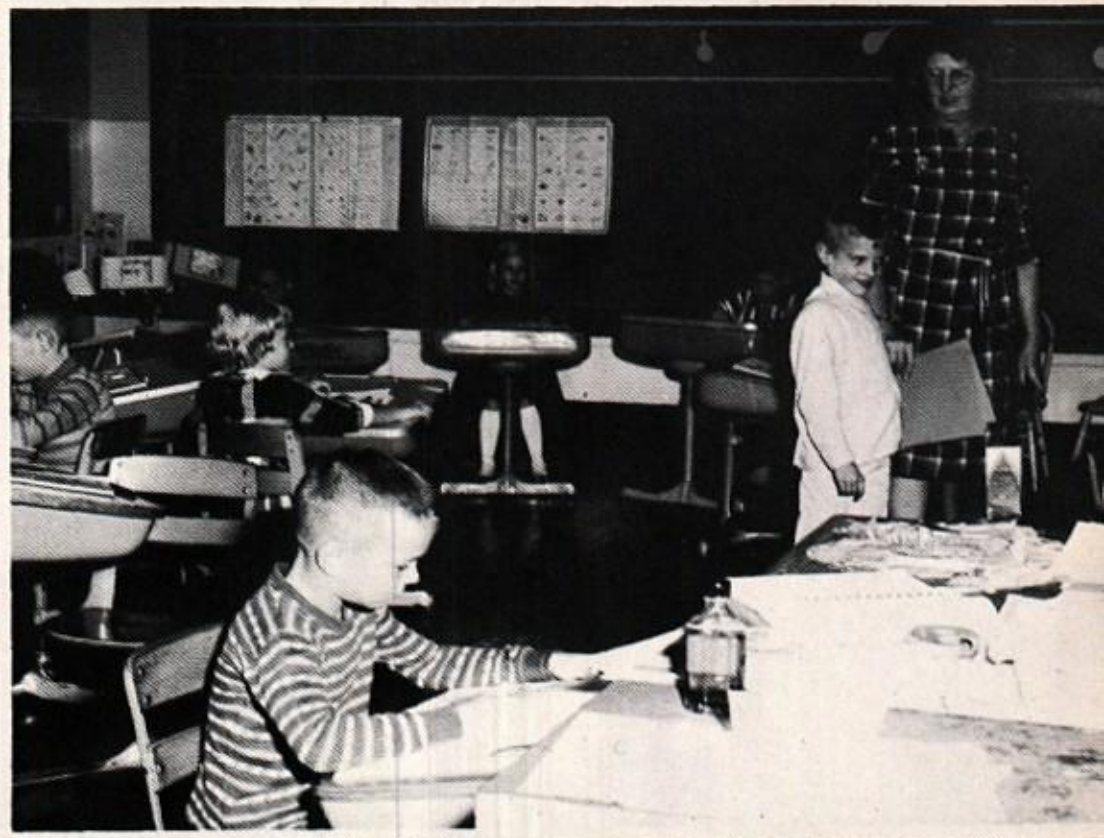


Coach Hewitt is contemplating the starting lineup for Friday night. From his fine record one can readily see his fine ability and eagerness. We, the students of Western, want to thank you and wish you all the luck in the world, Mr. Hewitt.

Mrs. Hoebel instructs her French class through their conjugations and pronunciation as she has so faithfully done in the past. She has headed our foreign language department through our first four productive years. Our best wishes to you in the future Mrs. Hoebel.

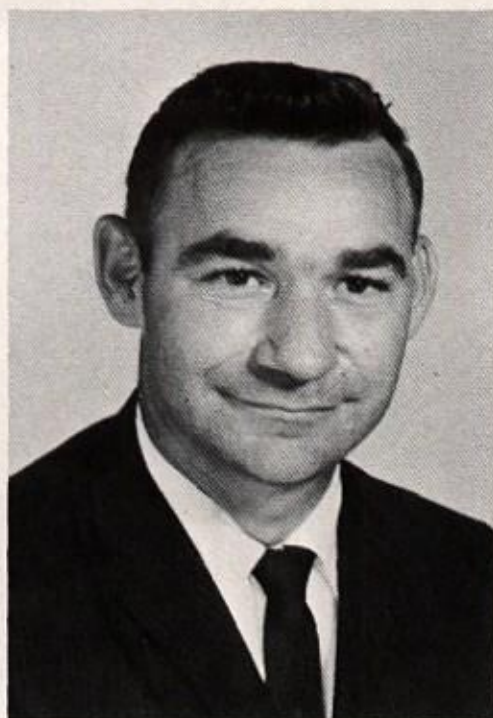


Mr. Ourth receives a congratulatory handshake from Robert Rodgers, school board secretary, for his fine effort and ability as our agriculture teacher. Mr. Ourth was always willing to help any student with any problem. For this fine assistance we thank you, Mr. Ourth, and wish you the best of luck.



JUNIOR HIGH
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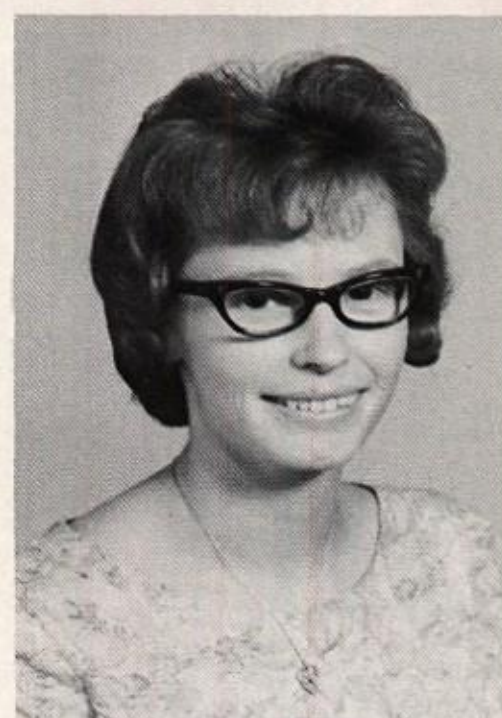
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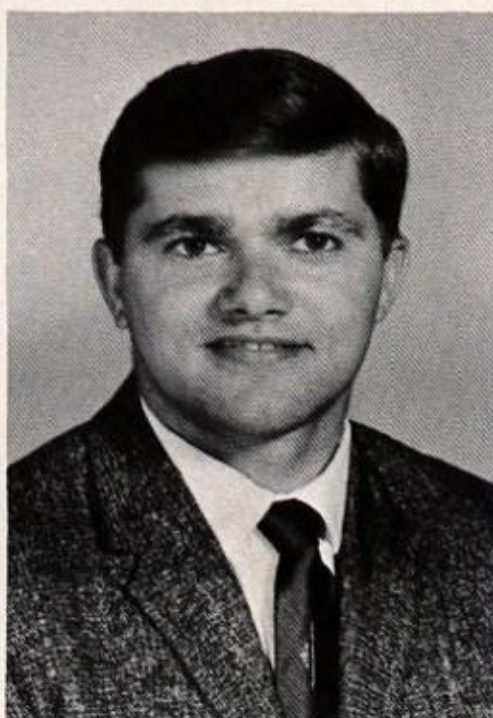
Mr. Charles Funderberg
Bradley University
Social Science, Physical
Education, and Coach



Mrs. Eva Hurst
Augustana B.S. in Ed.
Language Arts



Mrs. Ellen Robison
Western Illinois U., B.S.
Social Science



Mr. Gary Strawbridge
Northern Illinois U., B.S.
Science, Asst. Coach



Mrs. Louise Tharp
Bradley U., B.S.
Physical Education,
Home Economics



Mr. William Robison
Western Illinois U., B.S.
Northwestern U.
Math



Miss Edith Donovan
Secretary at Sheffield Schools

LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. Wilma Wheeler,
Mrs. Mildred Anderson, Mrs.
Dorothy Lubbs



Harold VanDrew
Janitor at Sheffield schools

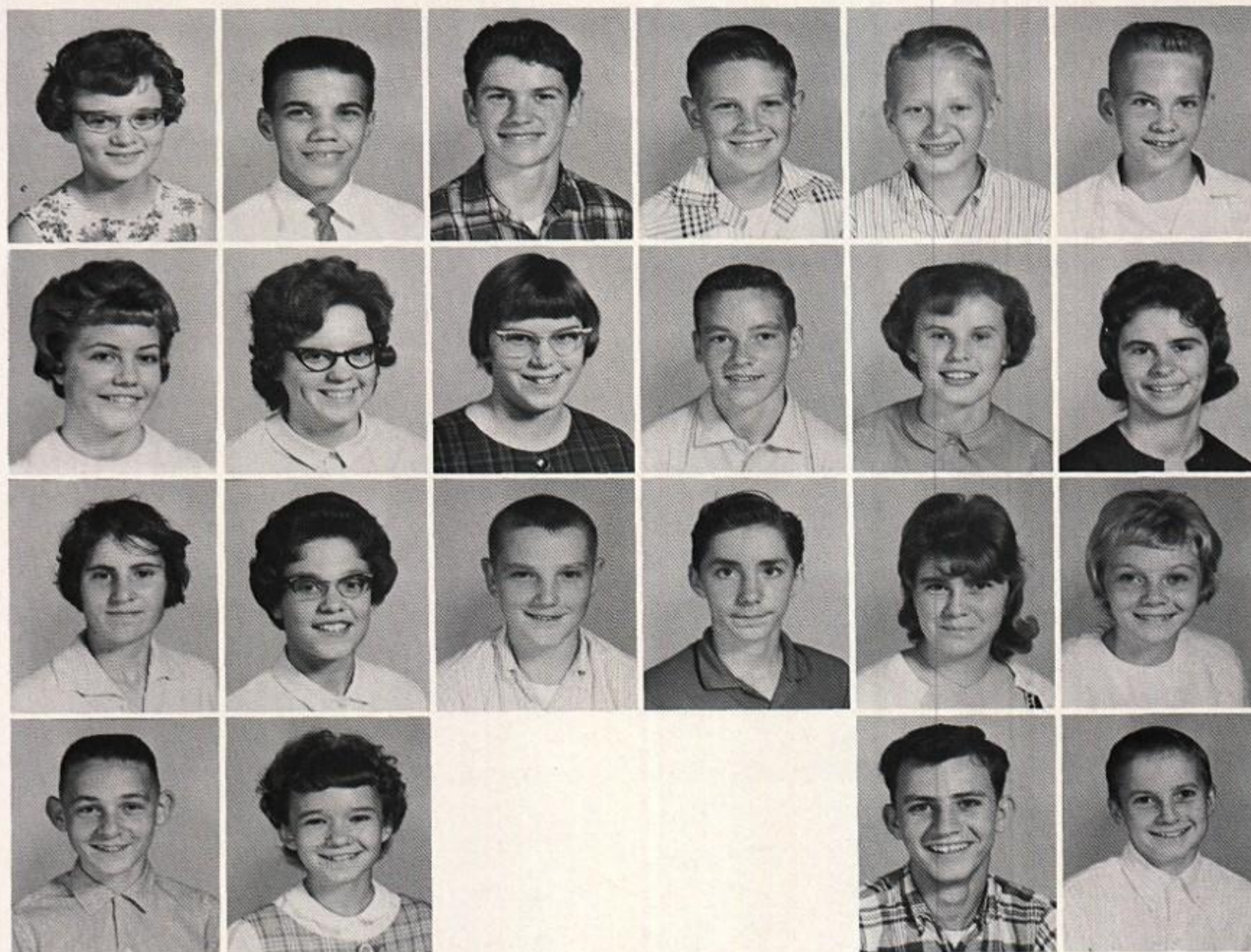


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“OUR SAFE CONDUCT . . . TO AND FROM SCHOOL”

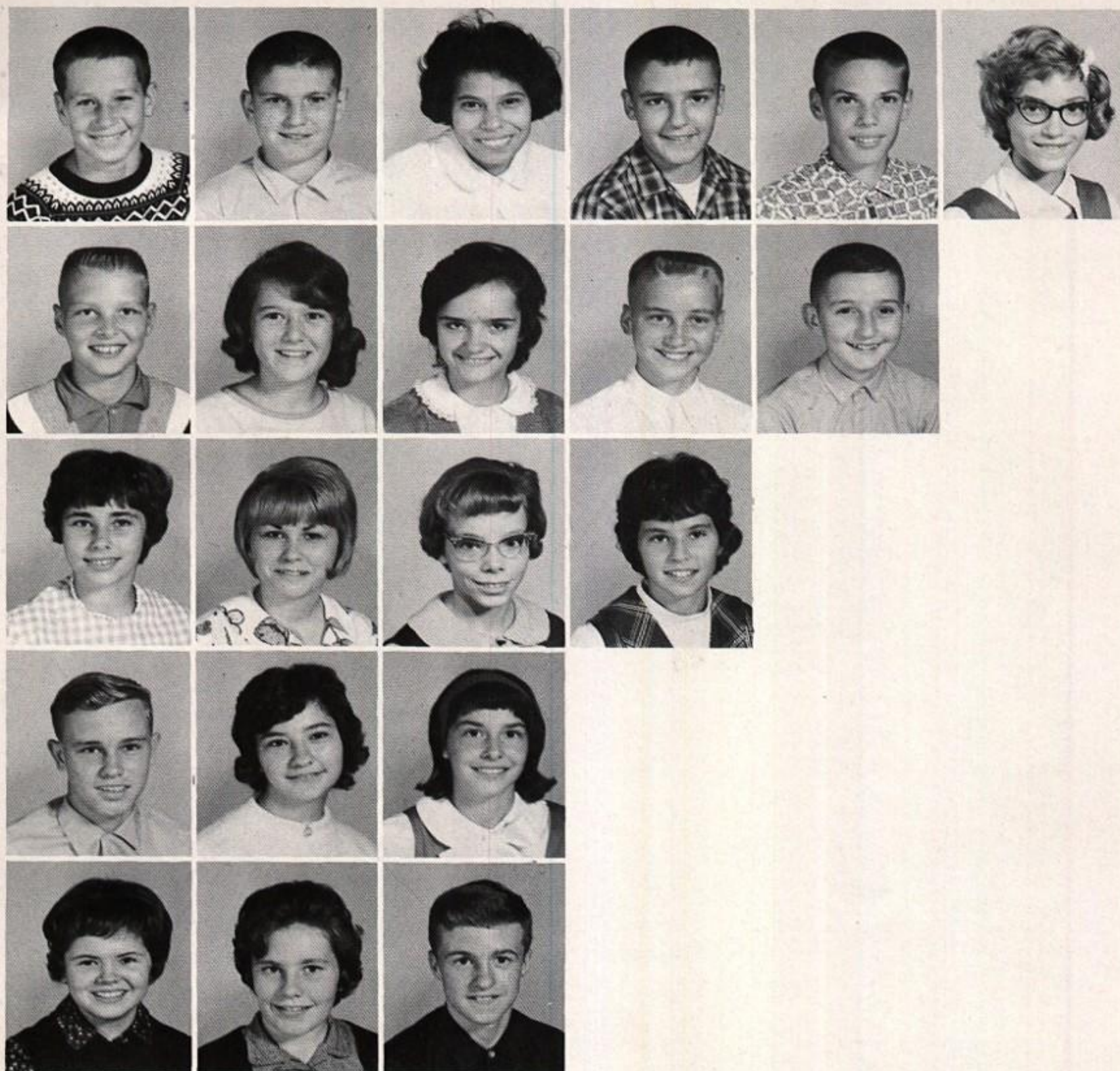
LEFT TO RIGHT: Gordon Mercer,
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ROW 1: Milton Piper, Gary Primo, Maria Ramirez, Don Rieker, Joe Ringenberg, Dianne Runft. ROW 2: Randy Schutz, Marlene Skaggs, Julie Smith, Dennis Specht, William Stone. ROW 3: Kay Strouse, Nancy Truedson, Pam VanCauwenberg, Gretchen Weber. ROW 4: Dale Whipple, Cheryl Whistler, Letitia White. ROW 5: Sally White, Kristi Williams, William Younggren.





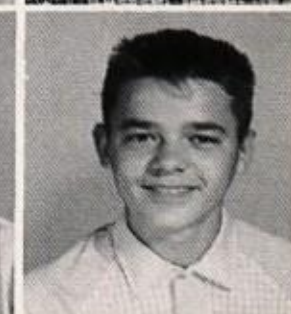
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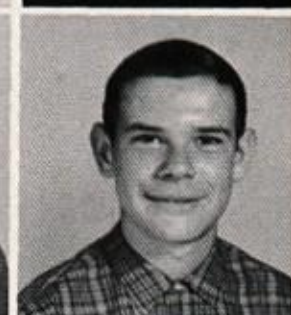
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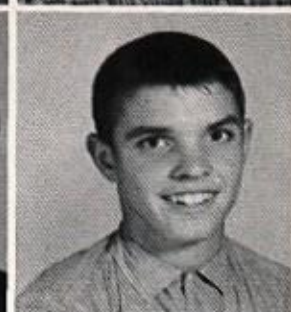
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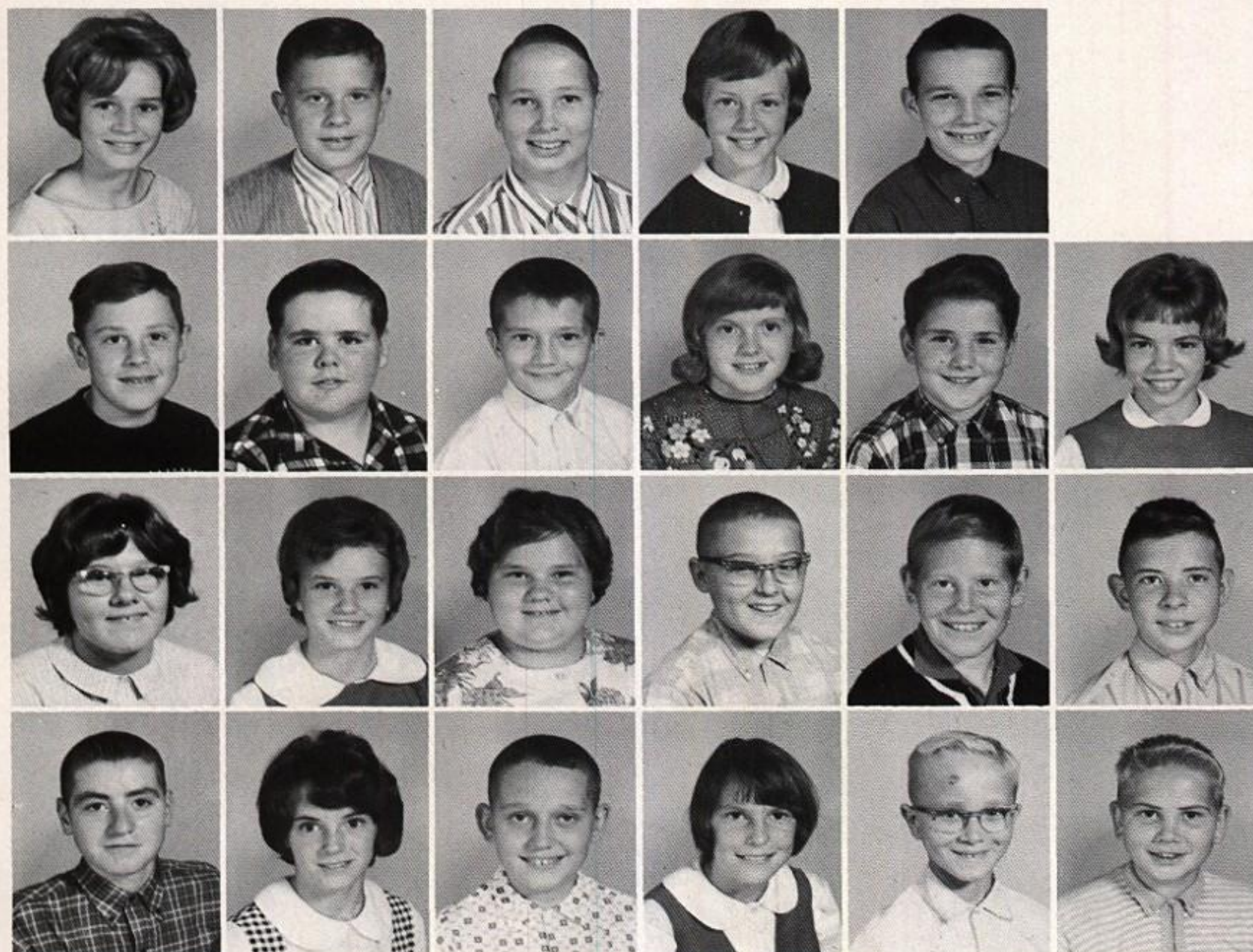
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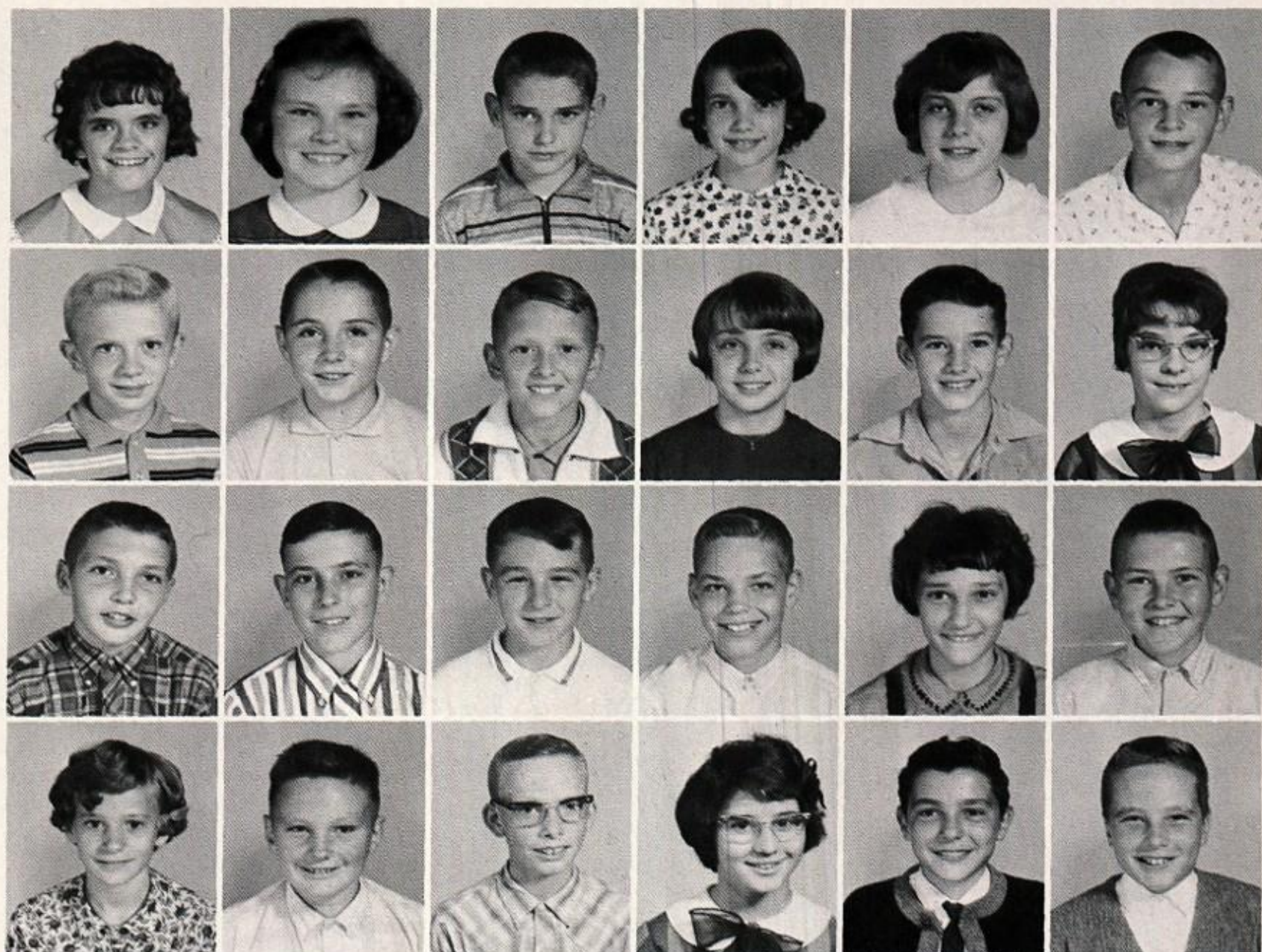


Seventh Graders Learn New Routine



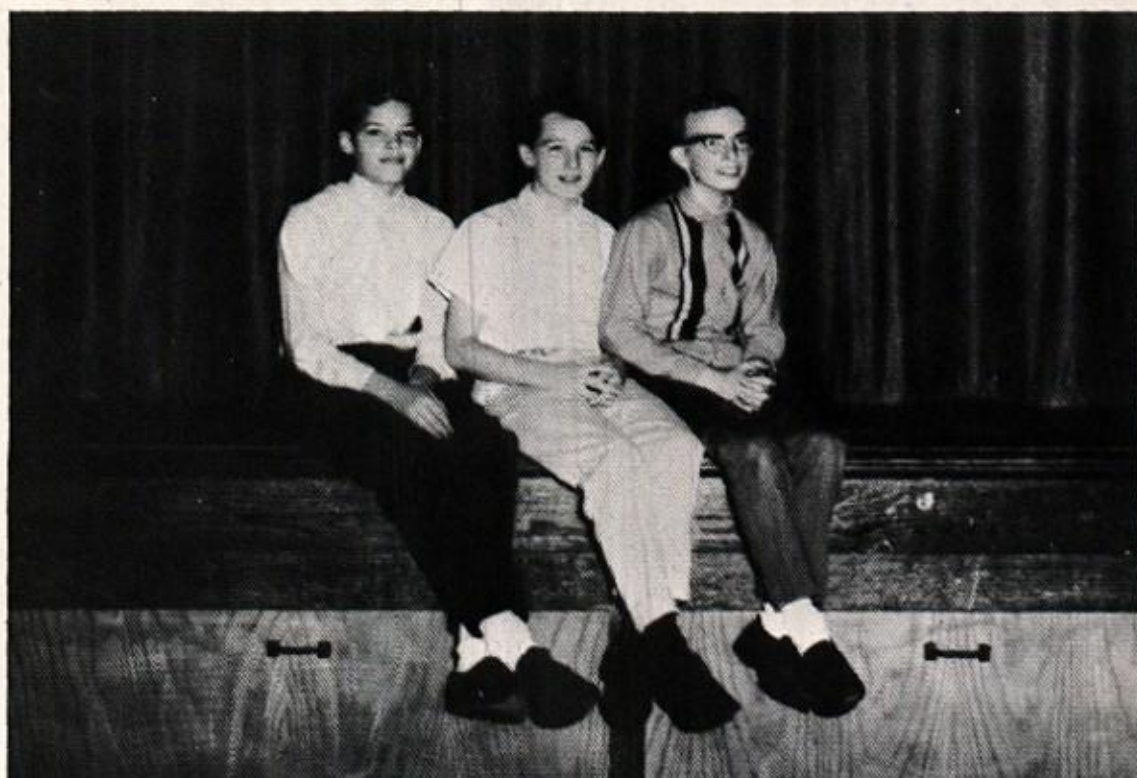
ROW 1: Beverly Aber, Brent Berfield, Fred Bills, Carla Carper, Alvin Crain. ROW 2: Doug Doty, Alen Foster, Mike Green, Jane Hand, John Johnson, Lauri Langford. ROW 3: Mary Madsen, Judy Milby, Linda Philhower, Danny Rieker, Larry Royce, Gerald Sheldon. ROW 4: Gary Shofner, Debbie Sprowls, Mike VanHyfte, Valerie White, Dennis Wilson, James Yepsen





We Also Aim High

ROW 1: Diane Barton, Patricia Bickett, Tom Buckman, Kathy Comp, Carlene Doty, Gerald Flint. ROW 2: Robert Fox, Jim Grubaugh, David Grubb, Sharon Hartz, Darrell Lambird, Kathleen Manthe. ROW 3: Richard McKee, Kevin Moore, Mike Porter, Dennis Rodgers, Cynthia Rozina, Larry Sheldon. ROW 4: Susan Simms, Byron Teslow, Jim VanCauwenberg, Janet VanLoo, Bob Wilcox, Bob Wilt





Band Officers---Ronnie Elliott, John Pratt, Marjean Johnson, Gay Kinnett

Western Jr. High Band

The Western Junior High Band received superior ratings at both District and State contests this year. Mr. Pontsler, their director, has done a very fine job with this cooperative group.

Eighth Grade Chorus



The Western Junior High chorus participated in three contests this year, receiving a superior rating at the District and Regional contests and an excellent rating at the State Contest. This was the first time that the chorus had gone to State, and everyone was very proud of them and their director, Mrs. Hubbard.

Seventh Grade Chorus





Baseball—1965

The Western Junior High baseball team had a successful year. The team gained much experience and learned the all important quality of sportsmanship.



"1-2-3-4 . . . a good work out brings good results."



The Heavyweight did pretty well this year with the guidance of coaches Funderberg and Strawbridge. They learned many of the basic skills involved in basketball and improved considerably as the year progressed.



The Western Lightweight basketball team had a very impressive season this year compiling an 18-0 record. They also won the first place trophy for the Little Eight Lightweight Tournament. Most of the games were very exciting and close, but the younger Rams combined skill and determination to win.



Leading the heavyweight team to victory were: Kay Strouse, Debbie Catton, Marsha Coomer, and Gretchen Weber.

Morale Boosters

Cheering for the lightweights this year were: Carla Carper, Debbie Sprowls, Kathy Manthe, and Lauri Langford.



WINS FIRST ANNUAL TEACHER AWARD



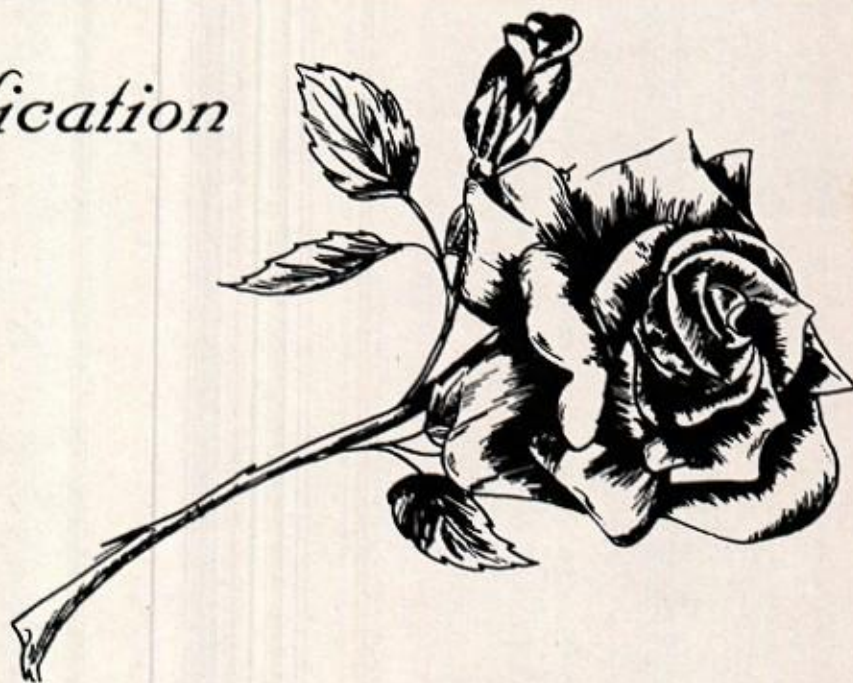
Mr. Harry Lehning was elected "Teacher of the year." This was an honor devised by the student council and carried out by vote of the entire student body.

Mr. Lehning is very worthy of the title. His days are filled with activity. Mr. Lehning teaches five classes of math, is sponsor of The National Honor Society, is sponsor of the Varsity Club, is assistant coach in football and is the head coach in track.

Congratulations to a fine teacher who typifies spirit--scholastically and athletically--at Western High School.



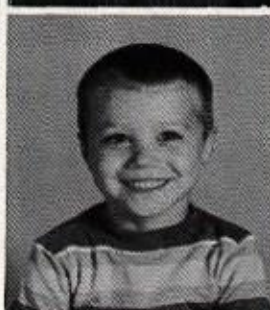
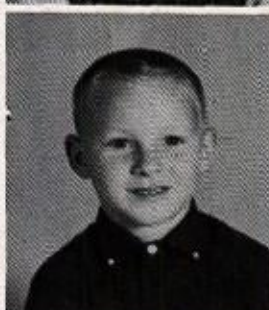
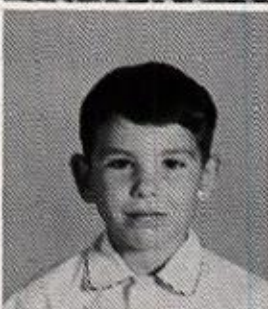
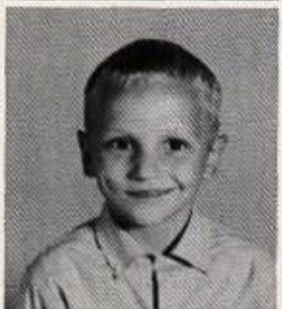
Special Dedication



The Annual Staff of Western High School would like to dedicate the grade school portion of the 1965 WESTERNER to Mrs. Serie, who is retiring this year. It is so difficult to put down into a few words the accomplishments of this fine lady, that we won't even try, but rather let the constant list of students she has influenced be a testimony of her ability.

Good Luck, Mrs. Serie!
The Staff of the WESTERNER

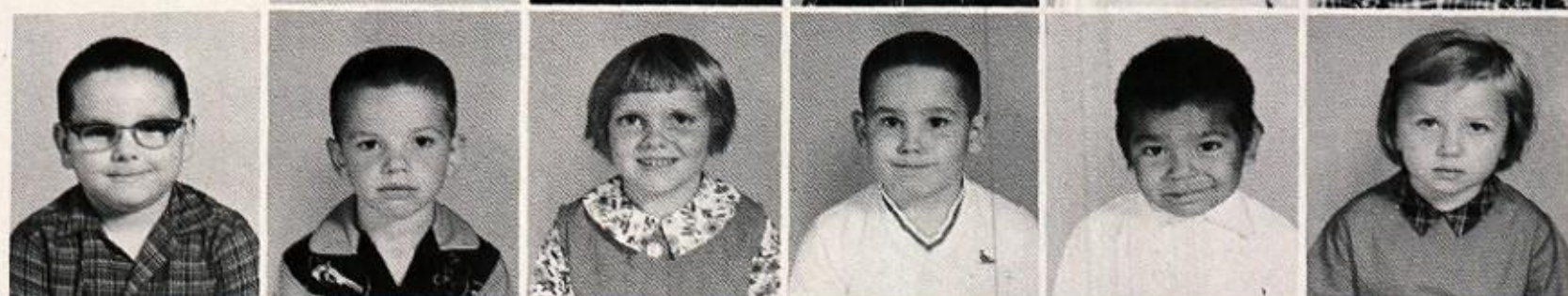
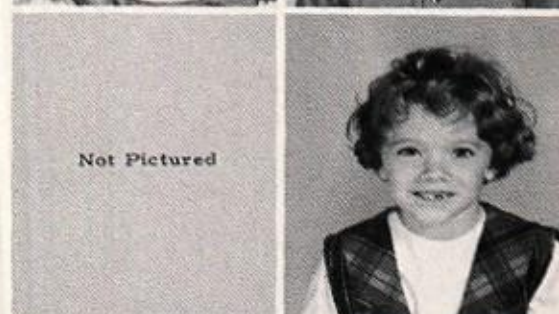
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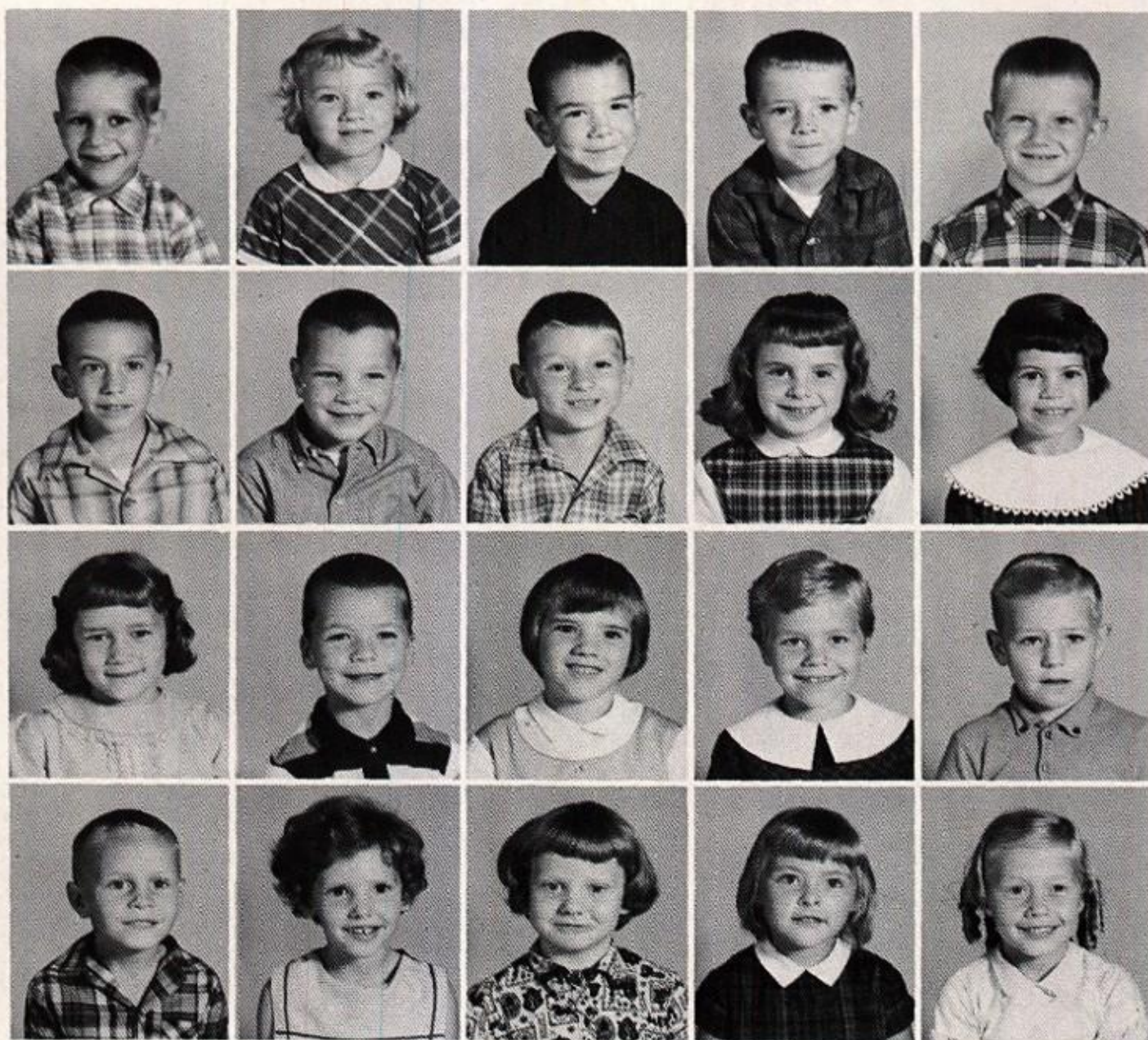


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New Friends And Adjustments Are Made

ROW 1: Debra Barber, Scott Berfield. ROW 2: Kerry Eilers, Gayle Fox. ROW 3: Grey Giovanine, Ann Glubczynski, Reece Grotti. ROW 4: Eric Heugel, Jeanette Rae Hodgett, Norma Hull, Chris Johnson. ROW 5: Robin Johnson, Ellen Lehning, Gail Lootens, Steven Mansnerus, Mark Milby. ROW 6: Kevin Moore, Ronald Nielson, Connie Pease, Christopher Phillips, Graciano Ramirez, Linda Reynolds. ROW 7: James Ringenberg, Scott Schreck, James Scott, Debra Shofner, Randall Stanfill, Linda Sullivan, Gary Vyneman





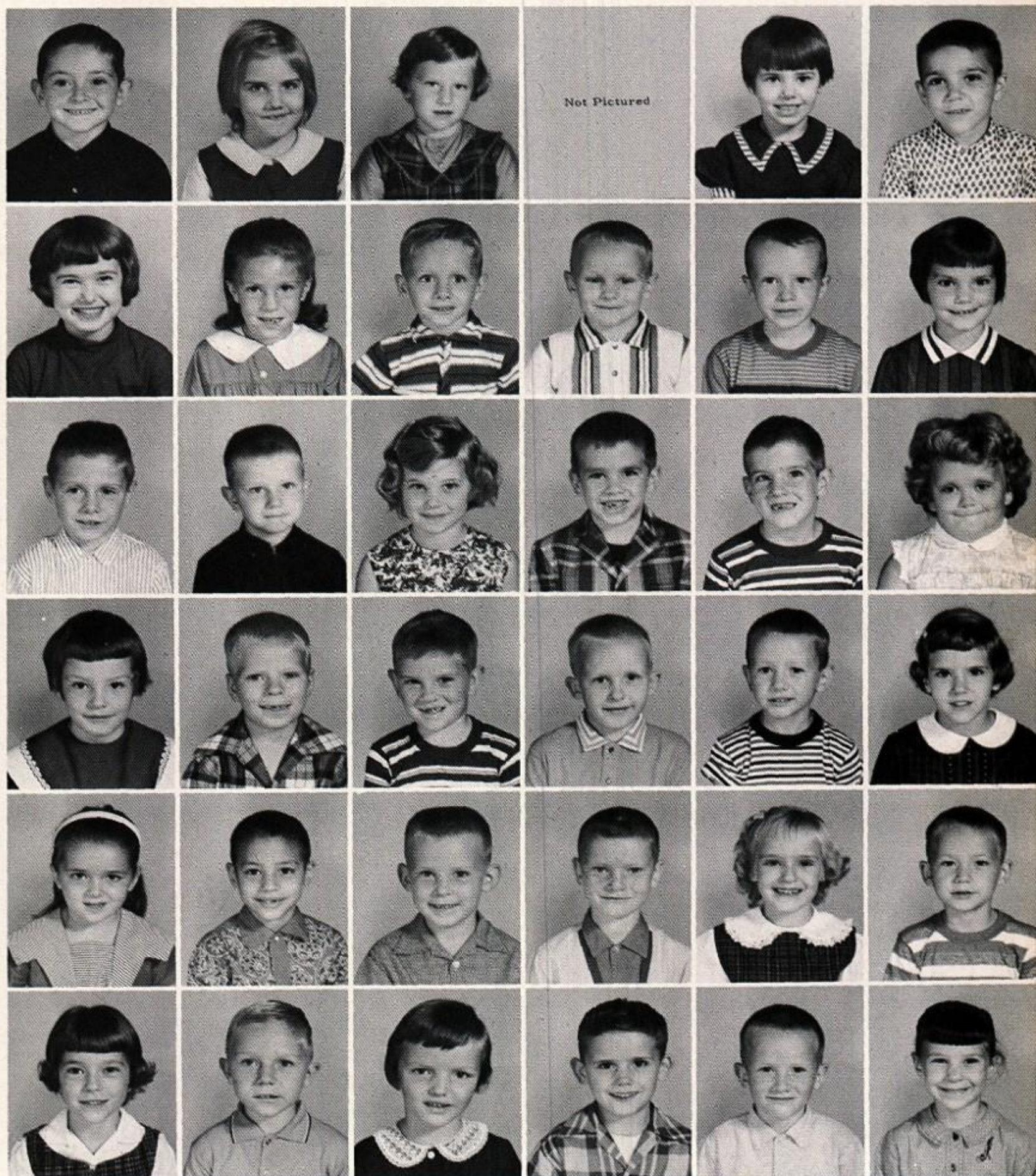
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We Begin Our Journey

ROW 1: Kevin Anglin, Janice Arbuckle, Wendy Barton, Bryan Brister, Wanda Butler, Phillip Crain. ROW 2: Starla Fisher, Jackie Foulke, Jacob Fox, Bruce Gingerich, Randy Gingerich, Jill Giovanine. ROW 3: Harry Hasbrook, David Hartz, Ruth Hjertstedt, John Hodge, Michael Hodge, Denise Hodgett. ROW 4: Cindy Lanxon,

David Leuchtenberg, Harold Maddy, David Mead, Mitchell McCauley, Tracy McKillip. ROW 5: Karen Minnaert, Paul Miyashiro, Richard Patton, Larry Primo, Mary Rieker, David Riggs. ROW 6: Annette Runft, Mark Schlindwien, Jean Schmidt, Jeffrey Smith, Thomas Sullivan, Rita Wheeler



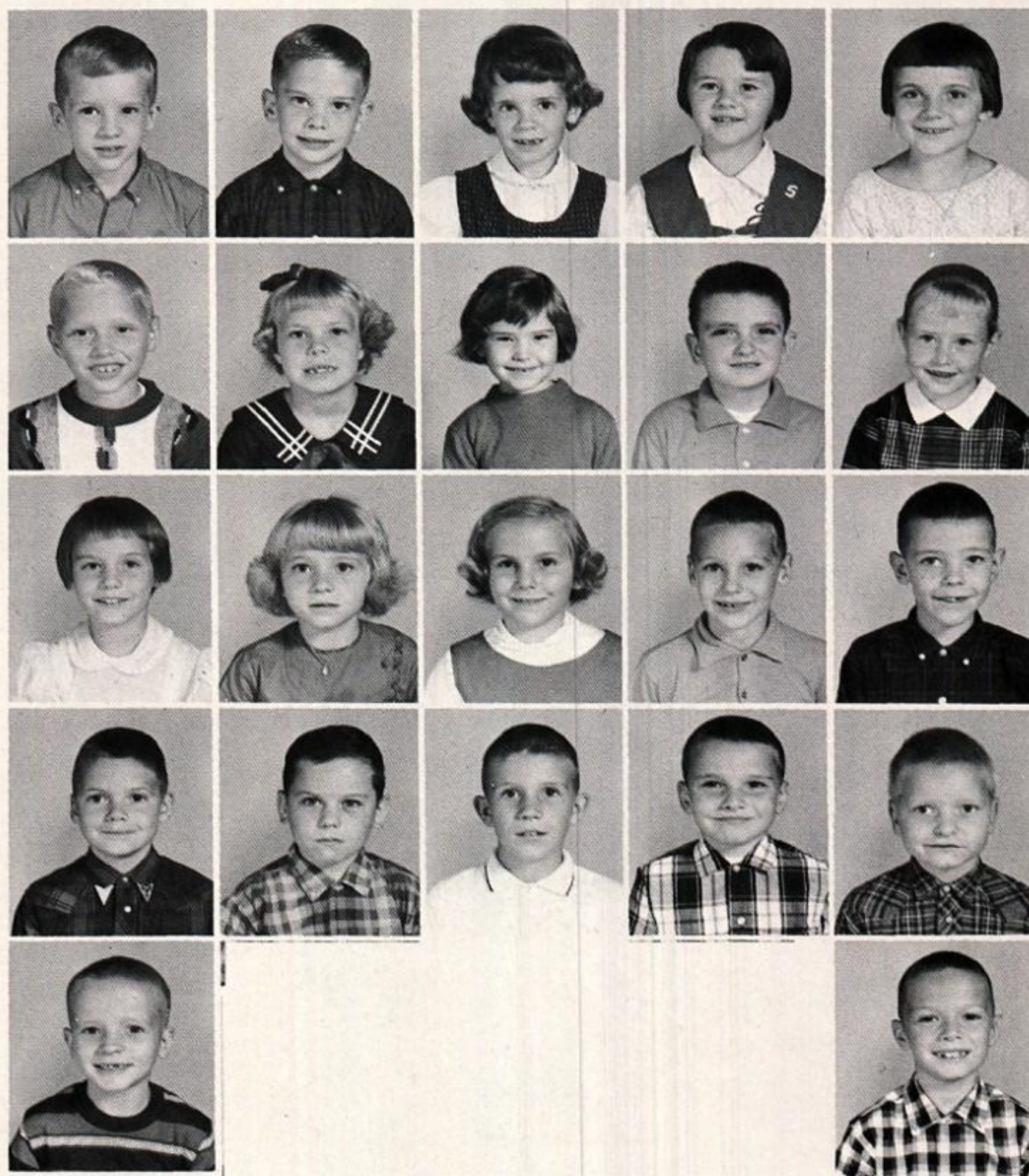


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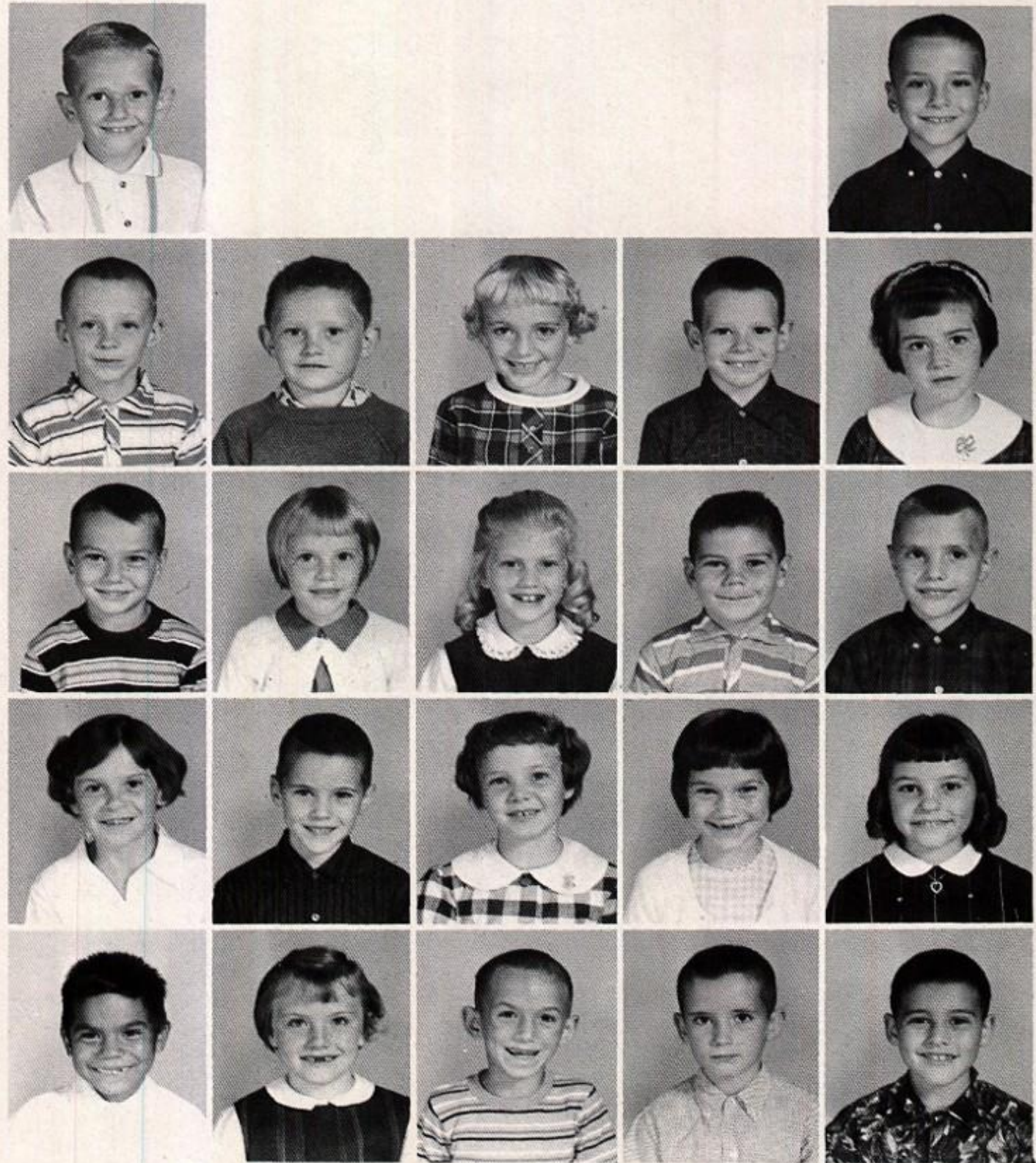
Now We Begin To Work



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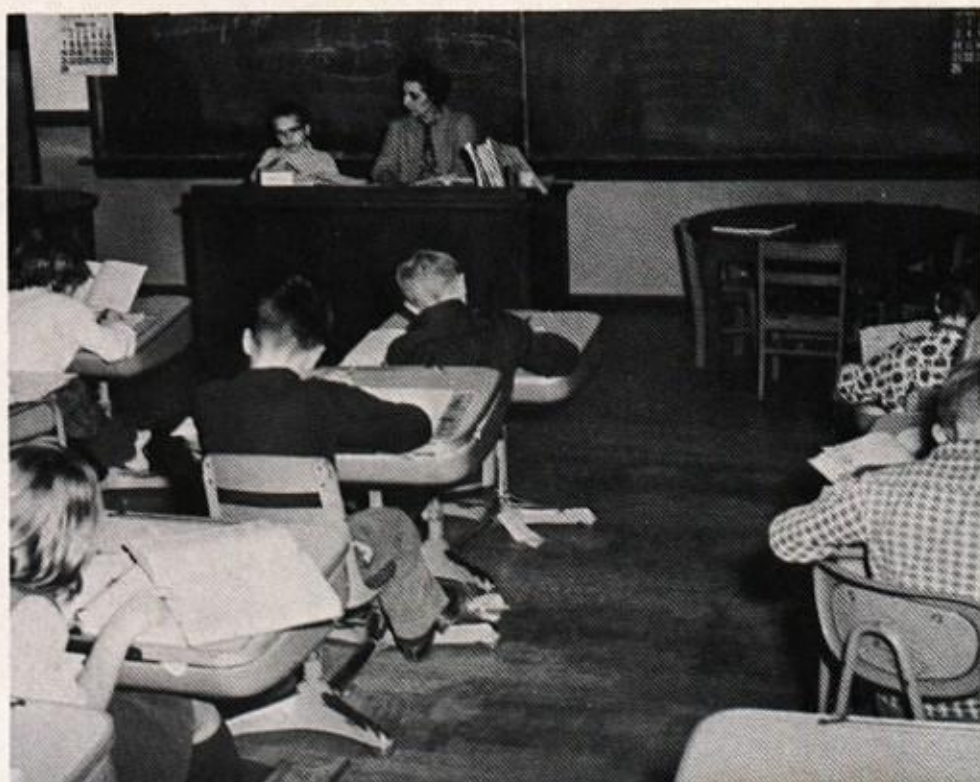
Second Graders Work Hard



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Our Third Step Is Even More Interesting



ROW 1: James Allison, Dennis Arbuckle, Steven Arnold, Johnny Bickett, Charles Buckman, June Cade, Carol Frank. ROW 2: Michael Foster, Mark Gingerich, John Jackson, Craig Jennings, Rhonda Johnson, Charles Hatt, James Lanham. ROW 3: Timothy Mahnesmith, Darrell Marquis, Thomas Marquis, Ronald Mason, Roger Mechling, James Mecum, Terry Lee Piper. ROW 4: Melody Pontsler, Randy Roberts, Susan Roberts, Rita Shofner, Penny Smith, Susan Tautkus, Teresa Tharp. ROW 5: Brock Tumbleson, Carol Wright

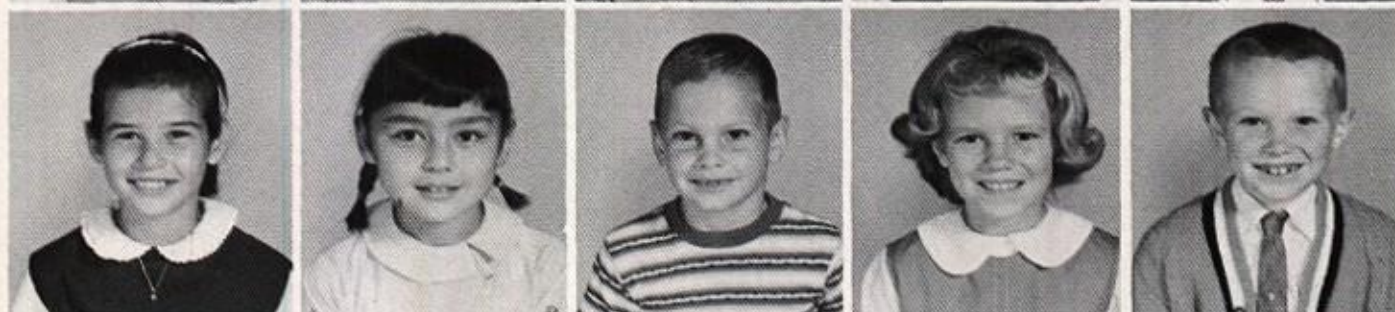
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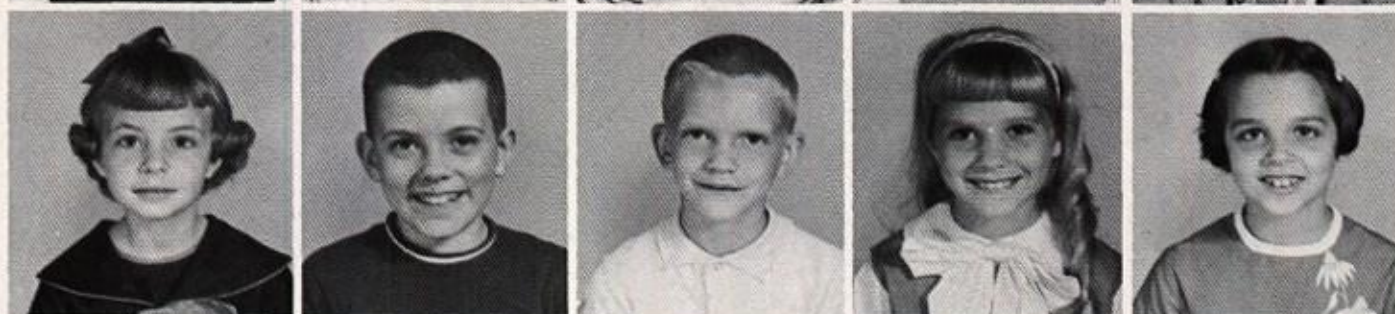
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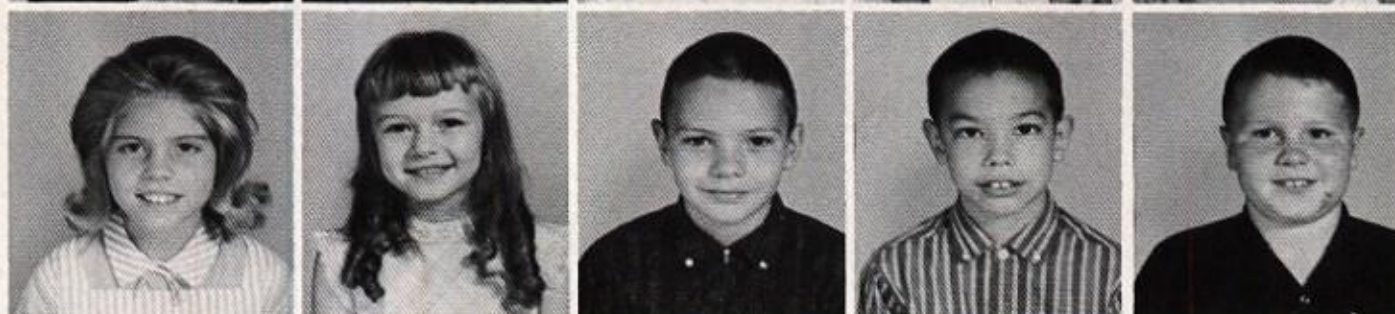
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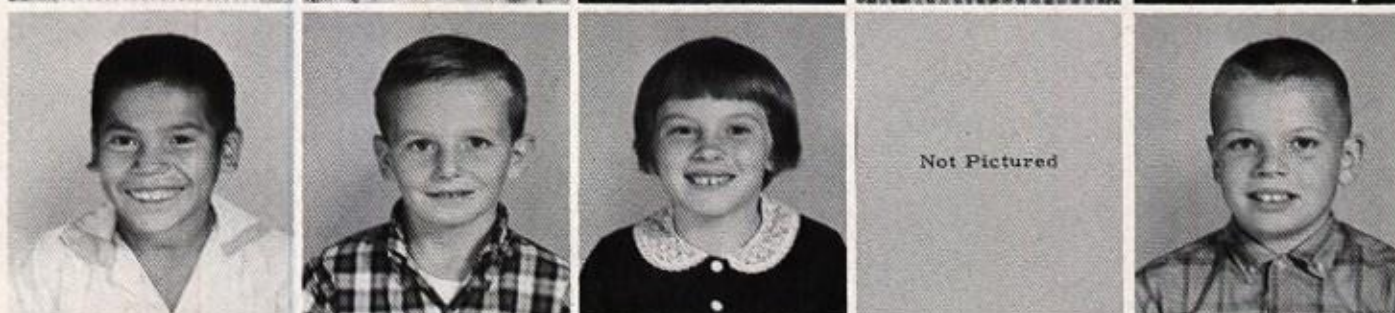
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ROW 5: Phyllis Mansnerus, Cynthia McCauley, Deems McKee, David Miyashiro, Wayne Moore



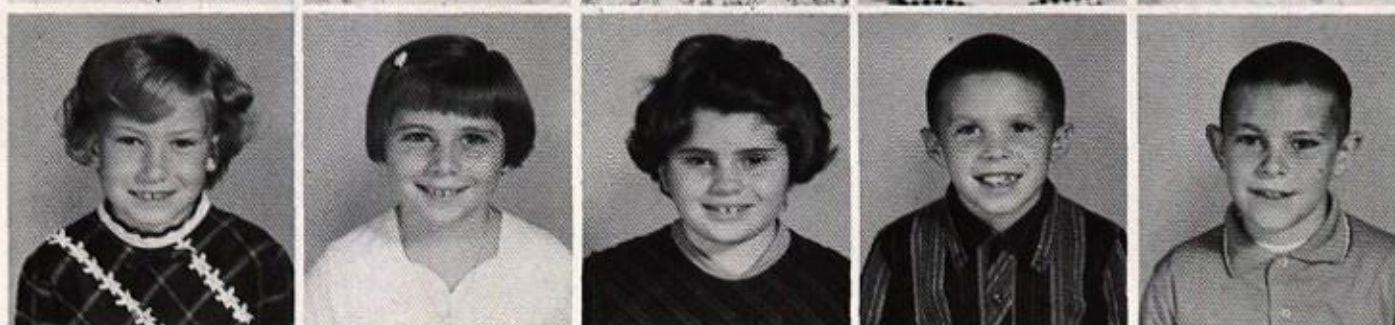
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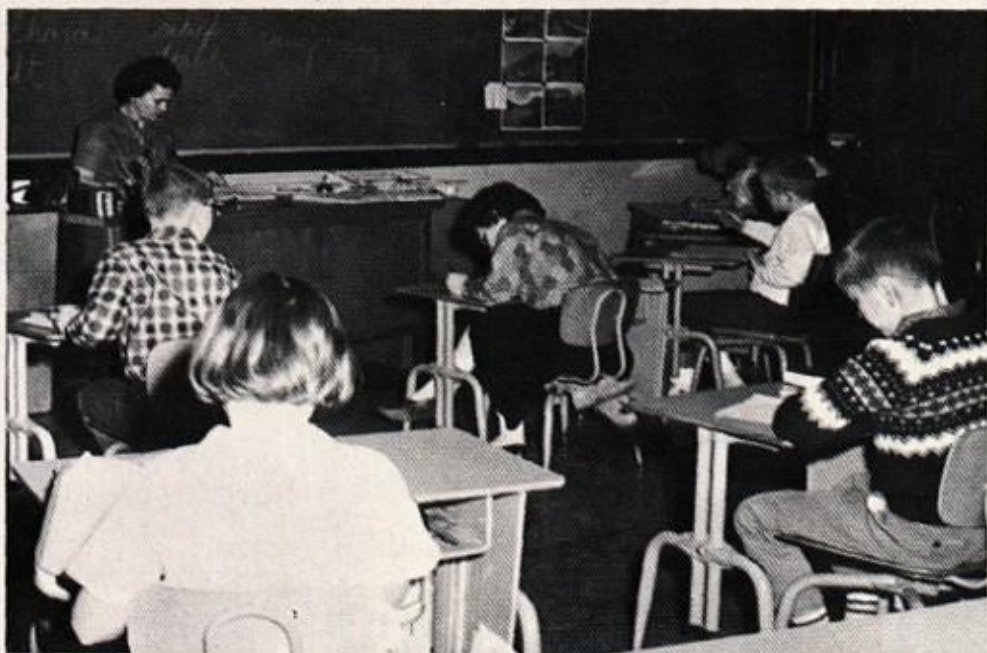


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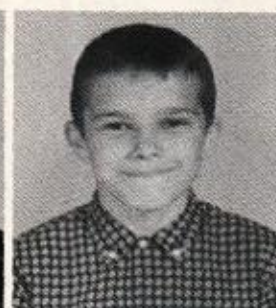


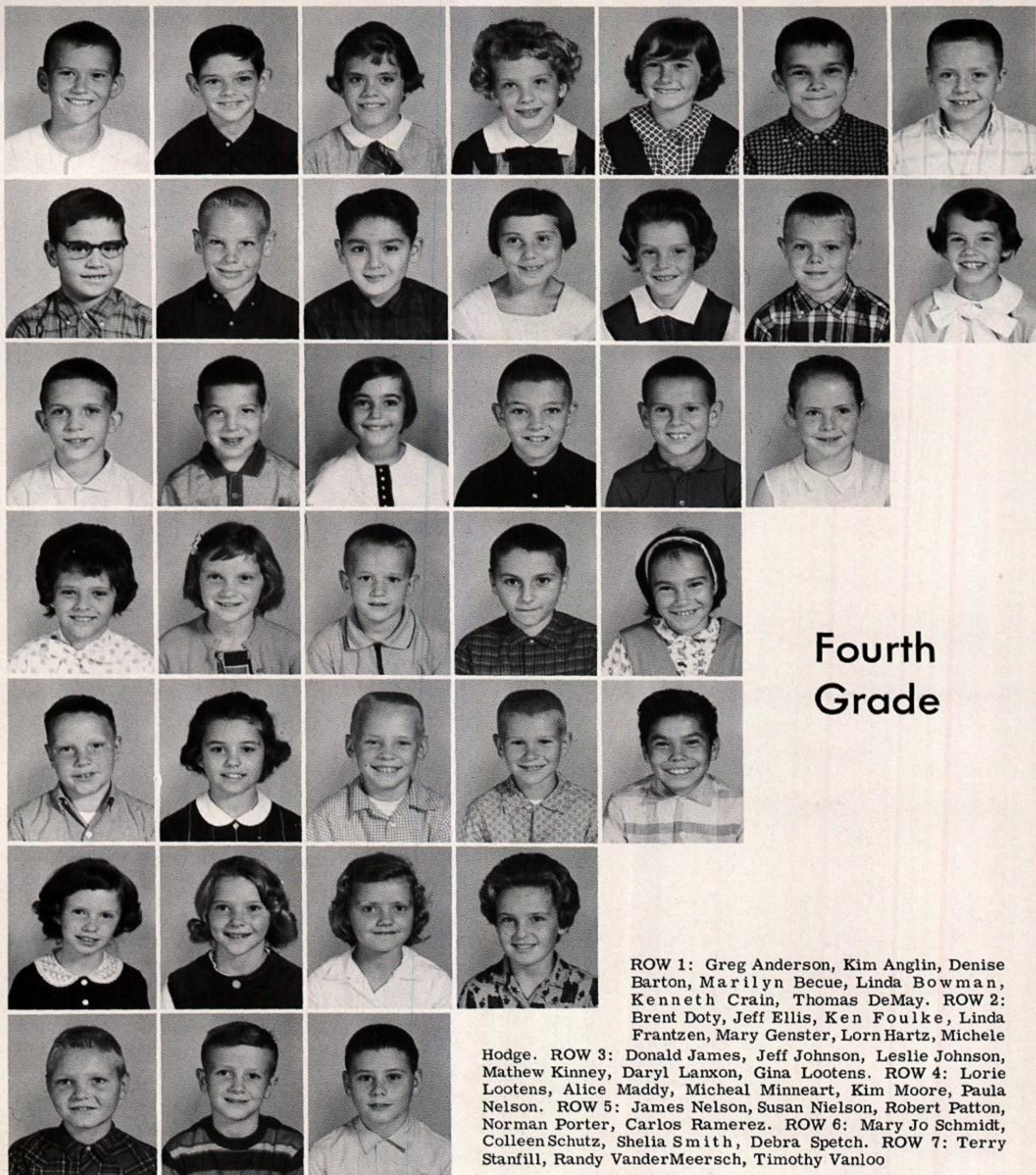
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Fourth Grade

ROW 1: Greg Anderson, Kim Anglin, Denise Barton, Marilyn Becue, Linda Bowman, Kenneth Crain, Thomas DeMay. ROW 2: Brent Doty, Jeff Ellis, Ken Foulke, Linda Frantzen, Mary Genster, Lorn Hartz, Michele Hodge. ROW 3: Donald James, Jeff Johnson, Leslie Johnson, Mathew Kinney, Daryl Lanxon, Gina Lootens. ROW 4: Lorie Lootens, Alice Maddy, Micheal Minneart, Kim Moore, Paula Nelson. ROW 5: James Nelson, Susan Nielson, Robert Patton, Norman Porter, Carlos Ramirez. ROW 6: Mary Jo Schmidt, Colleen Schutz, Shelia Smith, Debra Spetch. ROW 7: Terry Stanfill, Randy VanderMeersch, Timothy Vanloo



ROW 1: Shirley Arbuckle, Richard Behrends, Steven Carlson, Julie Ann Carper, Michael Carper, Lowell Christiansen. ROW 2: Elmer Crain, Connie Denmark, Donna Eigsti, Dennis Flint, Delka Foster, Terry Gutshall. ROW 3: Betty Harn, Randal Mechling, Patti Mercer, Terry Moore, Larry Moore, Mary Lu O'Bryant. ROW 4: Keith Pratt, Kay Piper, Gary Pontsler, Daniel Roberts, Mary Truedson, Marjorie White





Learning Becomes A Challenge To Fifth Graders



ROW 1: Teresa Arbuckle, Carla Bennett, Marjorie Bradley, Elmer Crain, Pamela Coomer, Jane Emmerson. ROW 2: Pat Emmerson, Tim Genster, Steven Hayes, Donald Lanxon, Mary Maddy, Gordon Minnaert. ROW 3: Donald Moore, Lea Primo, Carmen Ramirez, Jan Ringenberg, Carol Schutz, Janet Smith. ROW 4: Nancy Spratt, Michael Stanfill, Patricia Thomas, Ronald Weber, William Wilt



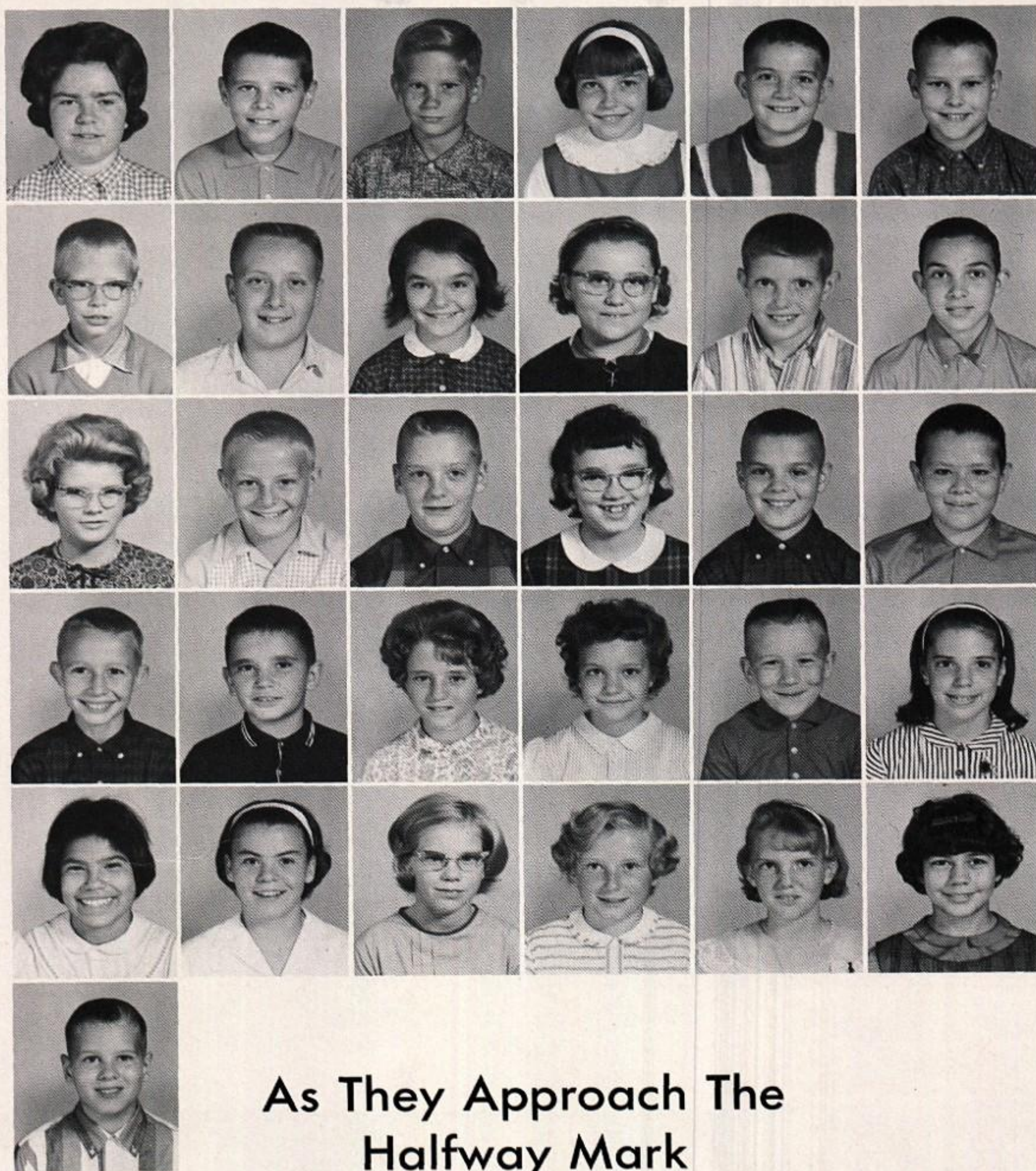
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Sixth Graders Gain More Learning Experience



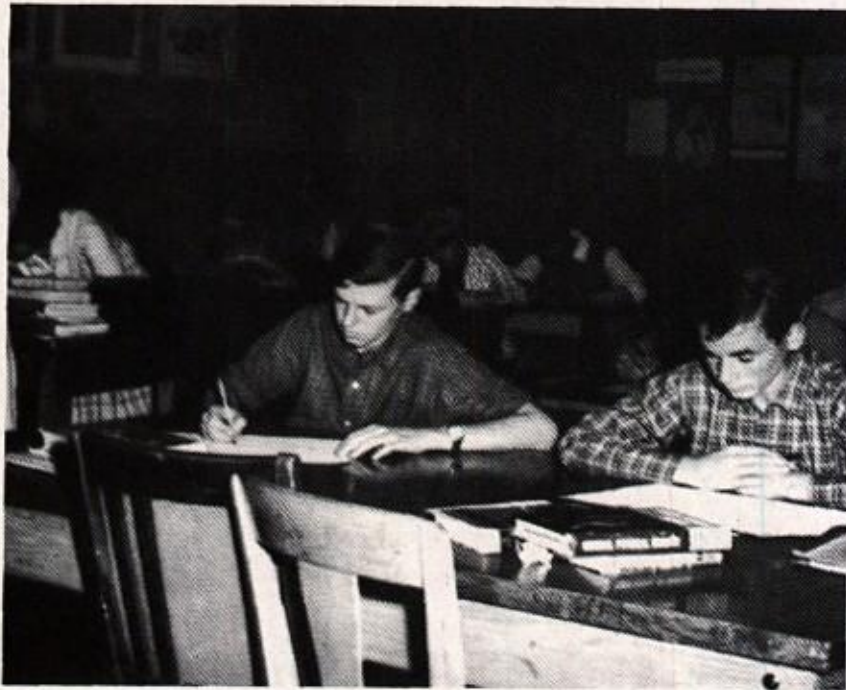


As They Approach The Halfway Mark

ROW 1: Cynthia Arbuckle, Brian Berfield, Mike Bowman, Donna Catton, Robert Defauw, Robert Elliott. ROW 2: Jim Emmerson, Lynn Fisher, Caroline Fox, Sharon Franzen, Tony Hand, Mike Hamann. ROW 3: Mary Jo Hewitt, Charles Horn, Kerry Jaggers, Karen Kendrick, Mike Kuster,

Robert Lanxon. ROW 4: Ronald Lindstrom, Fred McMurray, Sharon Nanninga, Jean Peterson, Eric Porter, Jean Ringenberg. ROW 5: Norma Ramirez, Joan Smith, Patti Stier, Barbara Sullivan, Theresa Thompson, Teresa Van Loo. ROW 6: John Winger

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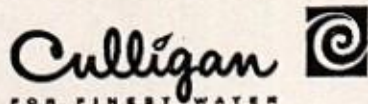
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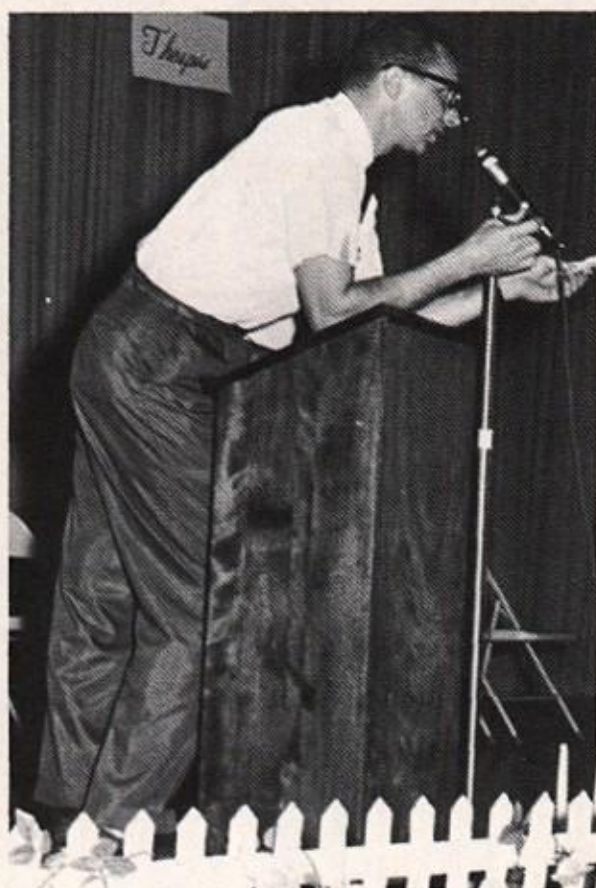
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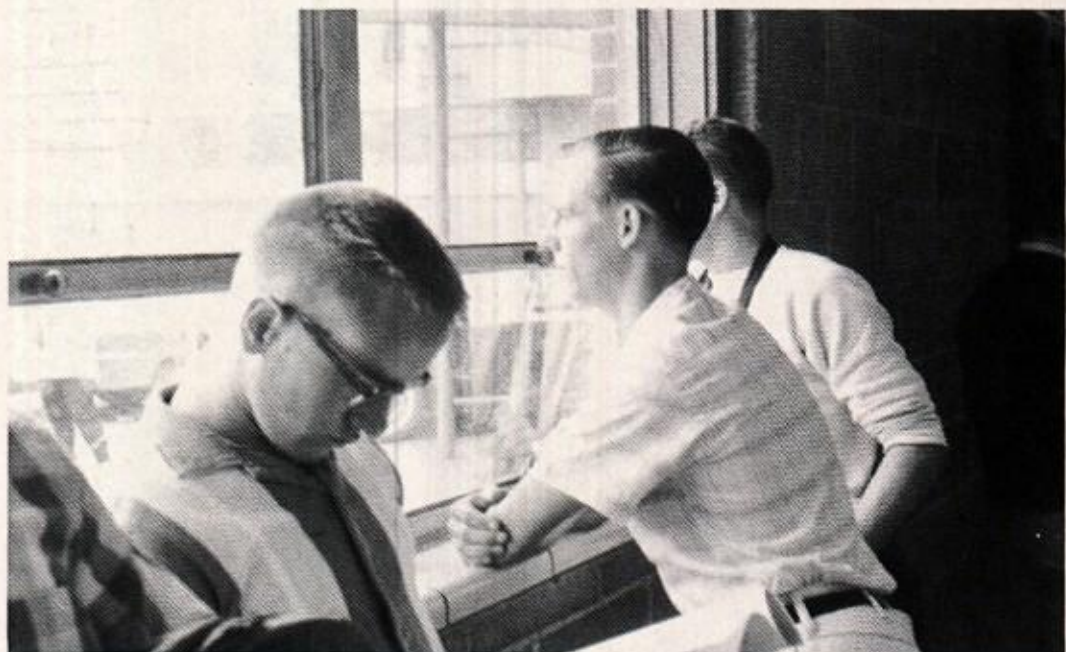
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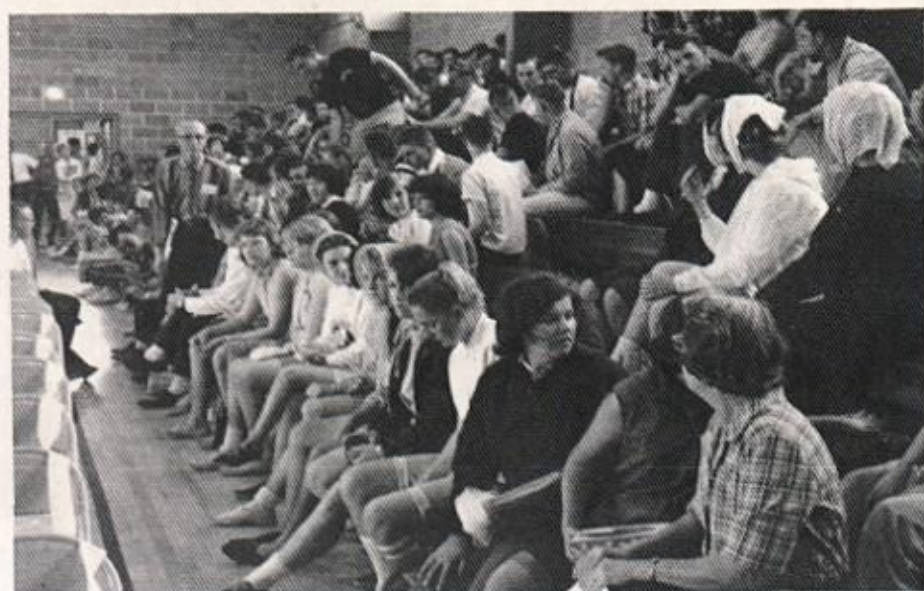
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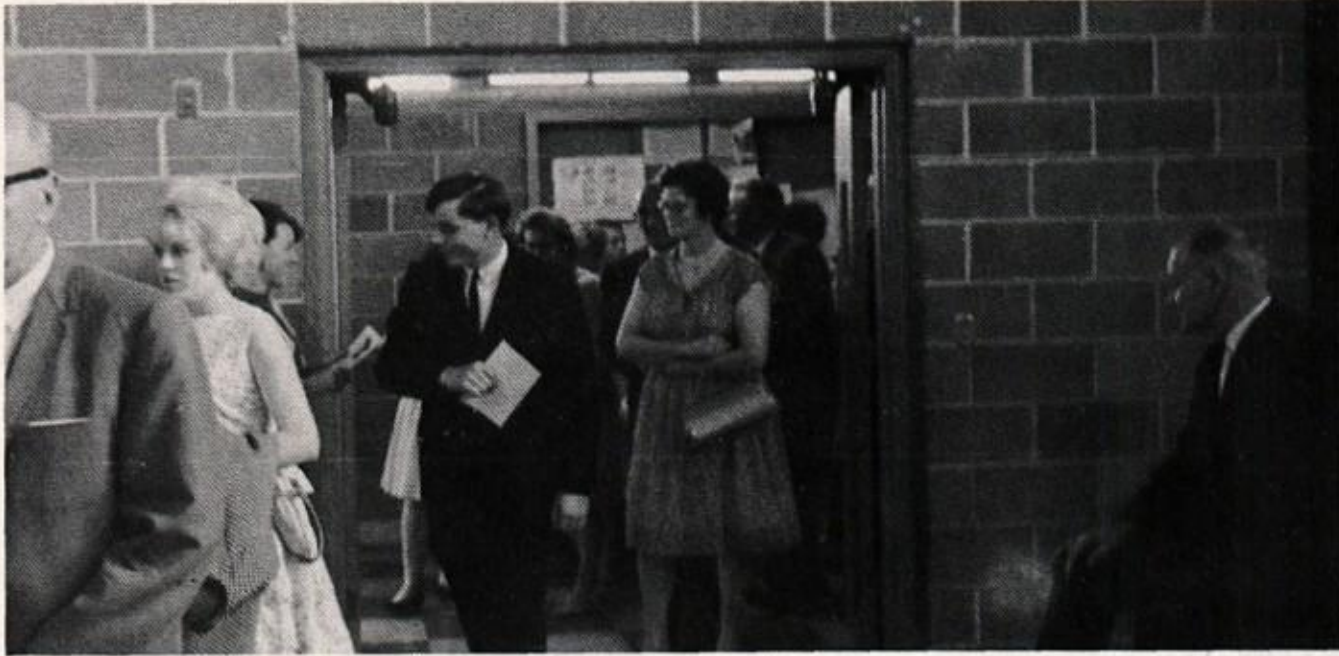


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